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PM Modi extends wishes to Nepal's interim PM

Nepal's interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki arrives to meet the victims of the deadly anti-corruption protests at a trauma centre at Tudikhel, in Kathmandu on Saturday. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sushila Karki on her appointment, which he termed as an example of women's empowerment | PTI | P9

Government of Assam

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Envisioning a Brighter Future for Assam

Unveiling Projects Worth

₹18,530+ crore by

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

In august presence of

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri
Hon'ble Union Minister, Petroleum & Natural Gas

Mangaldai

14 September 2025 | 11:30 AM | Mangaldai, Darang

Foundation Stone laying for

Guwahati Ring Road
118.5 km
Project cost ₹4,530 crore

Bridge over Brahmaputra
Connecting Kuruwa (Darrang) with Narengi (Guwahati)
2.9 km
Project cost ₹1,200 crore

430-bed Medical College & Hospital with **GNM School** and **BSc Nursing College** at **Darrang**
Project cost ₹570 crore

Features

- G+6 hospital building & G+6 academic block
- Hostels for students, nurses, junior resident doctors/interns
- Quarters for senior resident doctors, teaching & non-teaching staff

Numaligarh

14 September 2025 | 2:15 PM | Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Numaligarh

Inauguration

World's first 2nd Generation **Bioethanol Plant** using **Bamboo Feedstock** (Supported by PM JI-VAN Yojana)

Features

- Capacity : 50 KTPA fuel grade ethanol
- 5 lakh tonne green bamboo to be sourced from 4 NE states
- 50,000+ direct and indirect beneficiaries
- ₹200 crore boost to rural economy

Project cost ₹5,000 crore

Foundation Stone laying for

Polypropylene Plant
A milestone in manufacturing commodity plastic with wide range of applications

Project cost ₹7,230+ crore

Features

- Capacity : 360 KTPA
- Raise in NRL's petrochemical index up to 4.0
- Reduction of CO_2 in hydrocarbon value chain by 1 million tonnes annually
- To generate 75,000 man-days annually

LIVE The events will be telecast live on DD News

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WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/60/2025 Date 11.09.2025

S.N.	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	T.O.D.
513	Shunting Contactor (EP unit) complete type TCP-718 -M16-4	1144 Nos	09-Oct-25
514	Joint less grooved Copper Contact Wire, 193 sq. mm	12 KM	10-Oct-25
515	L-type composition brake block	32774 Nos	10-Oct-25
516	Vinyl Coated Upholstery Fabric	361231 Mtr	10-Oct-25
517	Set of Thermoplastic polyurethane spring pads (Happy Pad)	118 Set	13-Oct-25
518	Set of 1500 AMP Capacity CTF-1, CTF-2 & CTF-3	10 Set	13-Oct-25
519	Reversor J1 & J2, Capacity 1500 Amps	10 Set	14-Oct-25
520	Elastic Ring For 3 Phase Locomotive	222 Nos	15-Oct-25
521	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of EOT Cranes along with CAMC as per list below	4 Nos	27-Oct-25
522	Air Spring Assembly 180 KN Capacity	197 Nos	30-Oct-25
523	Brake Beam for BCNHL Wagons	2135 Nos	30-Oct-25

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in** 0593

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners as detailed hereunder:

Any person(s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl.	Name of the Owner	Details of the property
1	Sri. Anjinappa	a. 940.38 Square Meters transferred by BDA vide Development Right Certificate dated 04.08.2025 bearing Folio No.BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/221/2025-26 in lieu of relinquishment of land bearing Sy.No.495 of Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 470.19 Square Meters with BBMP, Bangalore. b. 1078.56 Square Meters transferred by BDA vide Development Right Certificate dated 04.08.2025 bearing Folio No.BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/222/2025-26 in lieu of relinquishment of land bearing Sy.No.496 of Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 539.28 Square Meters with BBMP, Bangalore.
2.	Sri. Lakkappa	a. 497.54 Square Meters transferred by BDA vide Development Right Certificate dated 08.05.2025 bearing Folio No.BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/186/2025-26 in lieu of relinquishment of land bearing Sy.No.497/3 of Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 248.77 Square Meters with BBMP, Bangalore.
3.	Sri. Nagaraj B. and M/s. SDM Ventures, a registered partnership firm	a. 607.02 Square Meters transferred by BDA vide Development Right Certificate dated 14.02.2025 bearing Folio No.BDA/TDR Cell/DRC/149/2024-25 in lieu of relinquishment of land bearing Sy.No.107/14 of K. Channasandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring 303.51 Square Meters with BBMP, Bangalore.

H.K.GIRISH & Co., ADVOCATE
73, 27th Cross, 11th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 070.
Phone - 080-26632343 / +91 8867044666

Indian Overseas Bank

1434, SY No:271/1 Opp.Basappa Choultry Road, Chikballapura Branch -562 101. Phone: 08156-270 227, Email ID-iob2974@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://BANNKNET.com**

Name & Address of the Borrowers: 1. Mr. P L Palaniyappan S/o Mr. Palanichamy #3, Flat No. T-99, SDR Castle 3rd cross, Devamma Road Sonnappa Layout, Lingarajapura Bangalore-560084. **Also at: Mr. P L Palaniyappan S/o Mr. Palanichamy, G-1,** Sai Subha, F-6, Ground Floor, 4C-403, OMBR Layout, Bangalore-560043, **Guarantors: 1. M A Stephen Dilpraj S/o M R Anthonyraj,** Flat No.105, Indira Towers, Bank Avenue,10th Street, Babusapalya, Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore-560043.

Date of NPA: 01.04.2015 Date of Demand notice: 19.01.2016.

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.29,26,966.17/- as on 19.01.2016 with further interest & costs.

Date of Possession Notice: 12.04.2016

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.29,26,966.17/- as on 19.01.2016 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 11.09.2025 is Rs.83,40,246/- with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full. ***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece & Parcel of residential apartment/ Flat No.T-99, 3rd floor, New assigned BBMP Khata No.3/10, PID No.87-85-3/10 in the Residential Building known as SDR Castle constructed on the property bearing New Corporation No.3 (Formally Khaneshumari/House List Khatha No.20, 21 & 22/10) presently within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.87 of Lingarajapura Ward, PID No.87-85-3, situated at Devamma Road, Sonnappa layout, Lingarajapura, Bengaluru-560045. **Boundaries: East by:** Road, **West by:** Khaneshumari No.27, 28 & 29, **North by:** Khaneshumari No.23, **South by:** Khaneshumari No.23.

The property is in the name of the **Guarantor Mr M.A. Stephen Dilipraj S/o Mr. M.R. Anthony raj.**

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Immovable Property as mentioned above	Rs.70,00,000/-	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs.50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 29.09.2025 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m

Bid increase amount: Rs. 50,000/- Auto extension time: 10 minutes

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL

Inspection Date & Time:
During office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 15.09.2025 to 26.09.2025.

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues.**
For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in, https://BANNKNET.com/bidder-registration** (web portal of e-auction of Service provider)

Date: 12.09.2025, **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Chikkaballapur **Indian Overseas Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

To all whom it may concern,

I. G. Kantha D/o Govindappa, intend to purchase a property situated at Ramaiah Garden, Sampangiramanagar, Bengaluru-560027, bearing No. 608/6, old Ward No. 110 and New 129, measuring 180 square feet, with the following boundaries:

- East : Site No. 609
- West : Site No. 607
- North : Road
- South : Site No. 605

The property is being purchased from its present joint owners, Mr. Shankar, Mr. Raghunath and Mrs. G. M. Kalpana.

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

Any person, institution, or entity having any claim, right, title, interest, mortgage, charge, lien, lease, tenancy, easement, or any other objection in respect of the said property is hereby called upon to submit their objections, if any, along with supporting documentary evidence, within 15 days from the date of this publication, to:

G. Kantha, Old No. 05, New No. 6, 22nd Cross, 10th Main, Devanga Hostel Road, S.R. Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560027. Ph: 9113816867

If no claims or objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections, and the transaction shall proceed accordingly.

Sd/- **G. Kantha**
Place: Bangalore Date: 12.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri.PRAKASH KUMAR,** has intended to purchase the schedule property mentioned below from MRS. RITA SAMSON, and any person who have any valid claim, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the said transaction by my client may file his/her/their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents duly attested with the undersigned within 15 days from this day, failing which it will be deemed that no other person/s has any claim or agreement to sell or DTD or charge lien, otherwise or objections to the said transaction of the schedule property by my client and my client will complete the registration of the sale deed as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Western portion of schedule "A" Property, i.e., Western portion of Plot/Site No. 7, House List Katha No. 189/7, formed in Property Sy No. 62/2A, Situated at Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, in ward No. 25, measuring East to West: 20 feet, and North to South: 52 feet, in all measuring 1040 Square feet, and bounded on the:

East by : Remaining Portion of Plot No:7 and Plot/Site No.6,
West by : Plot/Site No:8,
North by : Plot/Site No:15,
South by : 33 feet wide P.W.D. Road.

T.N.RAJASHEKAR, Advocate
Office at No.14, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002. Mob.No: 9620645470

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby notified that, my client, **N.Surendra Reddy along with others** intend to purchase the Immovable residential Property bearing Site No.1299 formed in the layout developed by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) situated at **BANASHANKARI 1ST STAGE, II BLOCK, Bengaluru,** presently comes under the administrative limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.154-Basavanagudi assigned with New Property E-Katha PID No.2689339737, New Property No.1299-57, measuring East to West 36.5 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring **1460 Sq.ft** together with building owned and possessed by **Sri. Grama Narasimha Murthy Krishna Prasad S/o late Grama Keshavachar Narasimha Murthy** for a valuable sale consideration.

In view of the above, it is hereby notified that, if anybody has/have any claims of ownership or such other claims in respect of the aforesaid BDA Site No.1299, the same may be notified to the address given below in writing together with supporting documents within a period of **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this notification. If no valid claims or objections are received within stipulated period, I shall be at liberty to proceed with and complete the process of sale in respect of the aforesaid BDA Site. Claims/objections if any received on expiry of the stipulated period shall be ignored.

A.T. MANOHAR, Advocate
No.55, 'SAISADANA', 13th'A'Cross, Sarakki Gate, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-78. Cell : 9902936363

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT CHENNAI
Shastri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Chennai

MISC. Application No.25/25 in MA(SA) NO 78/2014 IN SA NO.219/2013 (ON THE FILE OF DRT-BENGALURU)

BETWEEN : M/S Venkatalakshmamma Subbaiah Setty Educational & charitable Trust & others **...APPELLANTS**

AND ; 1.The Manager, Canara Bank, majestic branch, K.G. Road, Bengaluru, pin 560 001.
2. Sri. K.N.Srinivasa s/o late L.K.P. Narayanappa, no.75, New Bazar Street, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036 **...RESPONDENT**

The Petitioners / Appellants have filed the above application to restore the appeal. The learned registrar, DRAT Chennai, has ordered notice to you (R-2) through paper publication and posted the above case on 13.10.2025 at 11 AM. Please take note and be present either in person or through your Advocate on **13.10.2025 at 11:00 AM** before the DRAT Chennai; failing which, the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

K. A. Ramakrishnan & Jayakumar
Council for the Petitioners / Appellants

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

Office of the Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.
E-Mail:- eecivil.gescom@gmail.com CIN:U04010KA2002SGC030436

No:GESCOM/CEE(O)/EE(C)/AEE(C)/2025-26/44113-140 Date: 12-09-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2) (E-procurement only)

On behalf of GESCOM, the undersigned invites tender through e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the following works detailed below.

1) Name of work : **Supply and Installation of Video Conferencing System with Interactive Display for GESCOM Corporate Office and Zonal Office at Kalaburagi, Ballari and Circle Office Raichur. (GESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT228/CALL-2)** 2) Amt put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) : **78.00**, 3) Earnest money deposit (Rs. in lakhs): 2.00, 4) Time limit for completion of work including monsoon: 3 months, 5) Performance & work qualification: The bidder must be a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956/ 2013, or a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) firm registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008.

The tenderer should upload their tender through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also upload the duly completed tenders/ relevant documents within the stipulated date and time mentioned in website only. The intending contractors can obtain the tender details through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 15-09-2025. The Bidders/ contractors need to register in the e-procurement portal to submit their bids through online, other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Calendar of Tendering:

1) Last date & time for clarifications and queries : **19-09-2025 up to 17.00 Hours**, 2) Date & Time of pre-bid meeting: **19-09-2025 up to 11.00 Hours,** 3) Last Date & Time for submission of bid: **25-09-2025 up to 17.00 Hours**, 4) Date & time for opening of Technical bid : **29-09-2025 up to 17.00 Hours**, 5) Date & Time of opening of financial bid: **03-10-2025 up to 17.00 Hours.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy, (Operation), corporate office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/502/KSMC&A/2025-26

WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT

E- AUCTION SALE DURING OCTOBER, 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **OCTOBER, 2025** as per program given below:-

1st ROUND	2nd ROUND	DEPOT / DIVISION	OFFICER IN CHARGE	CONTACT NO.
01/10/2025	16/10/2025	RATLAM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ratlam	07412230080 09752492750
03/10/2025	17/10/2025	VADODARA	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
06/10/2025	24/10/2025	SABARMATI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093774
06/10/2025	30/10/2025	BHAVNAGAR	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
07/10/2025	29/10/2025	DAHOD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
08/10/2025	28/10/2025	MUMBAI CENTRAL	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
09/10/2025	30/10/2025	AHMEDABAD	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
14/10/2025	29/10/2025	PRATAPNAGAR	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Pratapnagar	0265-2658858 09724045550
15/10/2025	29/10/2025	RAJKOT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager - Rajkot	02812476943 09724093750
15/10/2025	30/10/2025	MAHALAXMI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
15/10/2025	30/10/2025	PARDI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager - Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers.
Note:-**1.**Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2.** E-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3.** E-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal. **4.** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5.** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.

(No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/OCTOBER 2025 dated 09.09.2025) 0592

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that, our client intends to purchase the notional lands arising out of the Development Rights Certificate issued by the Bangalore Development Authority **("BDA")** which are morefully described in the Schedule hereto **("DRCs"),** from their respective owners detailed below **("Owners").** The Owners have represented that, they are the absolute owners of the DRCs with unrestricted rights of alienation in respect of the same, save and except, **(i)** Mr. B. S. Surendranath (son of Mr. B.S. Murthy), **(ii)** Mr. C. Deepak Kumar (son of Mr. Chikkanna), **(iii)** Mr. Chandrashekar C. N. (son of Mr. Ningegowda), **(iv)** Mr. Akash Subhas Gupta, **(v)** Mr. Sreenivas Gupta, **(vi)** M/s. Venkateshwara Developers, **(vii)** Mr. Harish Jain (son of Mr. M. Goutham Kumar), **(viii)** Mr. L. Hongayappa (son of Late Mr. Lakkanna Gowda) who have entered into agreements to purchase the DRCs arising out of the relinquishment of land bearing Survey Nos. 13/3, 13/10 and 13/11 of Doddabettahalli Village and **(ix)** Mitti King Developers Private Limited who has entered into agreements to purchase the DRCs arising out of the relinquishment of the land bearing Survey No. 13/4 of Doddabettahalli Village.

Public are notified that, save and except the Owners and the agreement holders referred above, any other person having any right, title, claim or interest in the said DRCs or to the above transaction, are hereby called upon to file their objections to the undersigned with supporting documents within **7 (seven) days** from the date of this notice. Failing which, it would be deemed that, no other person, excepting the above-mentioned persons, have any right, title or interest over the DRCs and claim(s) if any, will be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE
(Description of DRCs)

1. Notional land of **5,673.28 square meters** credited in **Development Rights Certificate bearing No. 183 in Folio No. BDA/TDR/cell/DRC/183 of 2025-26 dated 08.05.2025** issued by BDA to **Mr. B.M. Narayanaswami (son of Late Mr. Munivenkatappa),** arising out of the relinquishment of the converted **land bearing Survey No. 13/3, bearing EPID No.4407920086, admeasuring 2,836.64 square meters situated at Doddabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk** by the said owner vide., Relinquishment Deed dated 28.02.2025, registered as Document No. GNR-1-08455-2024-25, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhi Nagar;
2. Notional land of **2,562.54 square meters** credited in **Development Rights Certificate bearing No. 185 in Folio No. BDA/TDR/cell/DRC/185 of 2025-26 dated 08.05.2025** issued by BDA to **Mr. B.M. Narayanaswami (son of Late Mr. Munivenkatappa),** arising out of the relinquishment of the converted **land bearing Survey No. 13/10, bearing EPID No.8023980593, admeasuring 1,281.27 square meters situated at Doddabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk** by the said owner vide., Relinquishment Deed dated 03.02.2025, registered as Document No. GNR-1-07877-2024-25, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhi Nagar;
3. Notional land of **2,832.76 square meters** credited in **Development Rights Certificate bearing No. 175 in Folio No. BDA/TDR/cell/DRC/175 of 2025-26 dated 08.05.2025** issued by BDA to **Mr. B.M. Narayanaswami (son of Late Mr. Munivenkatappa),** arising out of the relinquishment of the converted **land bearing Survey No. 13/11, bearing EPID No. 5550901539 and BBMP Khata No. Sl. No. 5, admeasuring 1,416.38 square meters situated at Doddabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk** by the said owner vide., Relinquishment Deed dated 18.01.2025, registered as Document No. MLS-1-02382-2024-25, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Malleswaram;
4. Notional land of **379.56 square meters** credited in **Development Rights Certificate bearing No. 184 in Folio No. BDA/TDR/cell/DRC/184 of 2025-26 dated 08.05.2025** issued by BDA to **Mr. Shesh Rao E Shingote (son of Mr. Eknath),** arising out of the relinquishment of the converted **land bearing Survey No. 13/4, bearing EPID No.7680786342, admeasuring 189.78 square meters situated at Doddabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk** by the said owner vide., Relinquishment Deed dated 28.02.2025, registered as Document No. GNR-1-08452-2024-25, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Gandhi Nagar;

N.K. Dilip
Tatva Legal Bangalore, Advocates,
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle, No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042
Bengaluru Date : 14-9-2025

Indian Overseas Bank

Residency Road Branch, Janardhan Towers Bengaluru- 560025, Karnataka. Email ID: iob0268@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Name & address of the Borrowers:Mr. Bharathesha, S/o Shekar Shetty, No 60 3rd floor, West facing, 15th Main road, Indira Nagar, Bangalore 560038 **And also at** :No 3 -13/1, Kalpavriksha house, Permude, Dakshuna Kannada, Mangalore 574509. **And also at: Mr. Bharathesha,** S/o Shekar Shetty, HDFC Life Insurance, No. 332/7, Suraj Ganga Arcade, 4th floor Near Ramakrishna Hospital, 2nd block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560011.

Date of NPA: 28.01.2025. Date of Demand notice: 28.01.2025 :

Dues claimed in Demand Notice:Rs. 1,10,79,856.16 (Rupees One crore ten lakhs seventy nine thousand eight hundred fifty six rupees sixteen Paise Only) as on 28.01.2025with further interest & costs. **Date of possession notice: 08.05.2025.**

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.1,14,55,665 (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs fifty five Thousand Six hundred and sixty Only) as on 08.05.2025with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 11.09.2025 is Rs. 1,18,00,235.59 (Rupees One crore Eighteen Lakh Two Hundred Thirty Five and Fifty Nine Paise only) along with further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs / charges incurred till the date of repayment in full.

*Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule ' A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped composite land measuring 02 acre 04 guntas of land carved out of residentially converted land bearing Sy no 83/1 measuring 1 Acre 6 guntas and Sy no 83/2 measuring 1 Acre 18 guntas, totally measuring 2 Acres 04 guntas,(Converted vide official Memorandum dated 1/10/2010, bearing No. ALN(SB)SR:68/2010-11, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner) situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **bounded as :** East : Sy.No.82 ;West :Remaining portion of land belonging to Mr. Purushotham Reddy and Tejas and therafter Sy. No.85,North :Sy No. 84;South :Road

Schedule 'B' Property:(Description of undivided Share): 490 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest / ownership in the Schedule ' A' properety.

Schedule 'C' Property: Residential unit no.312, in the third floor, Measuring 2072 square feet super built- up area , containing three bedroom, Hall, Kitchen etc., together with one covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, etc., contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the schedule " A" property known as " ROSHAN PLATINUM APARTMENT" .

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Reserve Price:Rs.1,25,80,000/- EMD:Rs.12,58,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 30.09.2025 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m

Bid increase amount: Rs. 1,00,000/- Auto extension time: 10 minutes

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL. Inspection Date& Time: during office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from15.09.2025 – 27.09.2025.

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues. For terms and conditions please visit: https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx, https://www.publishtenders.gov.in https://BANNKNET.in/bidder-registration(web portal of e-auction Service provider)**

Date:12.09.2025 Sd/-Authorised Officer
Place:Bengaluru **INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that I, **Mr. Abdul Rehaman, S/o Late Abdul Rof,** while travelling from Kengeri to Doddabasthi on 08/09/2025, lost the Original Rectification Deed dated 03/03/2014 at the Doddabasthi Bus Stop. The said Rectification Deed pertains to the vacant site bearing No.1455/1, PID No.6000016397, situated in the layout formed by the BDA at **Sir M. Visweswaraiah Layout, 3rd Block, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West: 24.0 mtrs. and North to South: 15.0 mtrs., and bounded on the **East by: Site Nos. 1484 & 1485, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 1456 and South by: Storm water drain & Site No. 1455.** The said deed was registered on 07/03/2014 as Document No. BDA-1-03461-2013-14 of Book I, stored in CD No. BDAD200, in the office of the Addl. Sub-Registrar, Bangalore. A police complaint has also been lodged through the E-Lost Portal vide lost report No. 1799612/2025, **Sl No.1799612 on 13/09/2025** in this regard.

In view of the above, the general public is requested to inform me if the aforesaid Original Rectification Deed dated 03/03/2014 registered on 7/3/2014 is found, and to kindly hand it over at the address mentioned below.

Note: Any misuse of the aforesaid document by any person shall invite appropriate legal action.

Mr. Abdul Rehaman
S/o late Abdul Rof,
aged about 70 years, Residing at No.20, Doddabasthi, Ullalu, Ullalu Upanagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560056. Mo.No.9611990879

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public, the authorities of Central and State Government including the Registrar of the Firm under the Partnership Act 1932, Central GST Council and Karnataka State GST council, Railways, IRCTC, Companies, Banks, Financial Institution etc., that our client M/s. Seema Caterers represented by its Managing Partner - Mr. Altaf Ulla Shariff, hereby declares that Mr. Mr. Syed Mohammed Jawad son of Mr. K M Syed Mujeeb, Resident of FF01, 1st Floor Nargis Apartment, 10th Main, 11th Cross Nandanam Colony, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043 Karnataka, has been ceased to exist as a partner of M/s. Seema Caterers, situated at 777, 9th Main Road, 3rd Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. Henceforth any action or whatever conduct of said Mr. Syed Mohammed Jawad on behalf of M/s. Seema Caterers shall have no validity or legal effect, since fiduciary or whatsoever relationship between Mr. Syed Mohammed Jawad and M/s. Seema Caterers has come to an end on this day and hereinafter no claim, rights, charges, liability or whatsoever taken by Mr. Syed Mohammed Jawad on behalf of M/s. Seema Caterers shall be entertained and any such arrangement or agreement or whatsoever shall be said to have done in his personal capacity and nothing therein shall be related to or pertain as an act of M/s. Seema Caterers.

Jagannathan, Advocate
45, 3rd Main Road, Arokiyamma Layout, Venkateshpuram, Bengaluru -560045.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that my client **Smt. Pavithra.M,** W/o **Sri. Mahantesh.C,** Aged about 32 years, R/at No.3, Kumbar pet, Old Post office Road, Hosakote, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru-562114, has **revoked** the **GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY Dated:08.07.2023 under vide revocation of GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY Dated: 13.09.2025** executed by **Smt. Pavithra.M** in favour **Mr. Karthik.C,** S/o **H.N. Chandrashekhar,** Aged about **32 years,** Near Old Post office Road, Hosakote, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru-562114 dated:08.07.2023, before **M.Krishnamurthy, Advocate and Notary public,** office at 1st floor, Venkamma Complex, Near Mini Vidhana Soudha, Hoskote, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru-562114, My client has revoked the said agency under the above said deed with immediate effect from today, as the said attorney is acting contrary in the interest of my client case **O.S.No.95/2021** pending before the **II ADDL Civil Judge and JMFC, Hoskote** & My client **Smt. Pavithra** has contested the above said case from today onwards. Hence, the General Public is notified not deal with the said **Mr. Karthick.C** in any manner what so ever in respect of above said case. In spite of this if any person/s still deals with him, he/she/they will be doing so at her/his/their own risk and cost and my client will not be held responsible in any manner what so ever.

D.S. LOKESHA, Advocate
M/s. D.S.L. LAW ASSOCIATES
#320, Ground Floor, Opp. Govt. College, Old Police Station Road, K.R.Puram Extn, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Ph: 9880321614/9986830555.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the public notice that, **1) Shri. Raju K. Kulkarni** (Herein after referred as "OWNERS") had purchased the schedule property from Shri. Manohar Keshavrao Khandekar, through executed the registered Sale Deed dated 21/09/2002; vide No. BNG(U)-BLR(S)8449/2002-03; in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk and the said owner had availed loan vide Loan A/c. No. 30005818632 from my client i.e., The State Bank of India, PPB Kormangala Branch by mortgaging the schedule property and thereby executed mortgage deed in respect of the schedule property by depositing original sale deed. (Herein after referred as the "Said document"). Further my client states that the said owner have closed his loan account and approached my client to collect the said documents. At that time my client on verification of the respective file came to know that the said document is not available in the file and same have been lost. The said owner submit that the said documents are not collected by them. Hence my client has lodged complaint regarding the same. Hence on behalf of the my client-Bank, by this public notice, I call upon the public at large, that, if any individual, financial institution or corporate body has received the said documents, kindly contact the signatory of this notice & return the same. Further my client by this notice cautions the public at large, financial institution or corporate body not to deal with the said documents with any other individual other than the above said OWNER.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY.

All the piece & parcel of the land bearing Old Khatha No. 858/388, in Old Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 73, Konen Agrahara (Halappa Layout) New Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Khatha No. 26, situated at H A Sanitary Board Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and the same is bounded by;
East : Property of BDA; **West :** Road;
North : Property No. 223-D;
South : property No. 223-B.
Date : 13/09/2025.

Sachin Bichu, Advocate
Office No. 101, 1st Floor Batavia Chambers, Shivananda Circle Kumar Krupa Road, Kumar Park, Bengaluru. 560001. Mob. No. 9448190386.

IN THE COURT OF 3rd Addl SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU RURAL
Misc.P. No. 32/2022

BETWEEN:-
Sri. B. S. Seetharama, S/o Sri.Subramani, Aged about 48 years, R/at No. 590/A, 14th Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Circle, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 050, Now residing at No.1140, 9th Main Road, 5th Cross, Srinivasa Nagara, Bengaluru - 560 050. **.. PETITIONER**

AND
(Notice under order V rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
To,
1. Smt. G. Hemalatha, Aged about 43 years, W/o. Sri. G. Krishnam Naidu, R/at No.19/20, 2nd Floor, KSRTC Layout, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 061
Also @ **C/o Chinna Papamma,** R/at 2nd Floor, No.12/A, 21st Main Road, Chunchaghatta Main Road, Venkataswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560062
2. Sri. G. Krishanam Naidu, No. 71, Naganathapura, Guneshwari Layout, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru - 560 100 **... RESPONDENTS**

The Petitioner has instituted the above Restore Petition against you (RESPONDENTS No. 1 and 2) for reliefs of: Allow the Petition and restore the original suit in **O. S. No. 1763/2017,** on the file of Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District and grant such other relief or reliefs.

Please take notice that you are hereby called upon to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through pleader duly authorized failing which, you will be placed ex-parte, the matter will be decided in your absence in accordance with law. Given under my hand and seal of the authority on **9th of September 2025,** Bengaluru.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed on behalf of our client **M/s. Seema Caterers** represented by its Managing Partner - Mr. Altaf Ulla Shariff, that Mr. Syed Mohammed Jawad son of Mr. K M Syed Mujeeb, Resident of FF01, 1st Floor Nargis Apartment, 10th Main, 11th Cross Nandanam Colony, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043, Karnataka has been removed from the partnership firm of M/s. Seema Caterers since you have failed to comply and act as per Partnership Deed dated 01.08.2023. Consequently, due to your inaction and ignorance, the firm has faced financial loss, reputational damage including various legal proceedings arising out of the GST demand and recovery, outstanding liabilities from financial institutions, etc. Therefore, the firm was on the verge of being insolvent. Further you have failed to appear and take part in the course of business of the firm and despite multiples opportunities and notices issued, you have failed to respond and comply. Thus, you have been ceased to exist from being a partner of the firm and the same has been published in the daily newspaper. Thereby you are called upon to settle all outstanding dues, liabilities, charges, fees, etc standing in your name as per Book of accounts of the firm, within a period of 30 days, failing which the firm will initiate appropriate legal proceedings against you as per Civil and Criminal Law including registration of FIR etc.

M. Jagannathan, Advocate
45, 3rd Main Road, Arokiyamma Layout, Venkateshpuram, Bengaluru -560045.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public/ Whomsoever it may concern that my client **Sri. Shashidhar B.H.** S/o. Hanumanthaiah, Aged about 44 Years, R/at, No.382/1, Near Appollo Pharmacy, 29th Cross, 21st Main, Judicial Layout, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560-065. Intend /propose to purchase the schedule property belonging to Sri.R.C.Krishna S/o. Late Channaiah, Aged about 57 Years, R/at, Rampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana taluk, Bangalore South District, he is the absolute owner and having clear and marketable title to the schedule property. Any person, Firm, Institution including Financial Institution claiming to have any right/title /interest/claims or enforceable right in the schedule property either as owner or in any other manner of objection for such alienation may lodge their objections with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, with the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims and objections subsist and thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with owner referred above.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land in Survey No. 15/10, measuring 0-34 Guntas, Situated at Rampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapattana taluk, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on **East by :** Road and Halla,
West By ; National Highway-275,
North by : Land belongs to Thibbegowda
South by : Land belongs to R.M. Malave Gowda

C M LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 297/2, 2nd Floor,4th Phase Main Road, Yelahanka New Town,Bangalore-560064. Mob: 8050659715
Email: cmlawassociates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby notified that, **ORIGINAL POSSESSION CERTIFICATE** dated 10.07.1975 bearing P.R.No.11/78-79 issued by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) in respect of Site No.1299 formed in the layout developed by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) situated at **BANASHANKARI 1ST STAGE, II BLOCK, Bengaluru,** presently comes under the administrative limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.154-Basavanagudi assigned with New Property E-Katha PID No.2689339737, New Property No.1299-57, measuring East to West 36.5 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring **1460 Sq.ft** was misplaced and lost in the year 1979 itself and later on a Duplicate Certificate was obtained from the BDA.

Since the present purchasers **Sri.N.Surendra Reddy and others** who are willing to purchase the said BDA Site No.1299 from its present owner **Sri.Grama Narasimha Murthy Krishna Prasad S/o late.Grama Keshavachar Narasimha Murthy** for a valuable sale consideration have strictly been instructed by the legal team to issue paper publication in this regard. Hence with abundant caution and in order to avoid any future claims or disputes in respect of the said possession certificate, this Public Notice is being issued stating all material facts. Recently a police complaint has also been lodged through online portal E-Lost in this regard.

In view of the above, the general public through this notice are hereby requested that if the aforesaid **ORIGINAL POSSESSION CERTIFICATE** is found or traced by anybody, the same shall be handed over to below mentioned person at the given address. It is further informed to the General public that except the aforesaid owner mentioned above, no other person/s is/are authorized to deal with said document in any manner. An appropriate legal action/proceeding shall be initiated against any such person/s in case of any misuse of the aforesaid original document.

A.T. MANOHAR, Advocate
No.55, 'SAISADANA', 13th'A'Cross, Sarakki Gate, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-78. Cell : 9902936363

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK

E-mail ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in, Tel/Fax — 0671-2301751/2302751

OFFICE ORDER

B-526: The Tender for the following work (Sl No.9) invited vide Tender Call Notice No. CCE. Ctc. (R&B) 14/2024-25 is hereby cancelled due to administrative ground.

1. Construction of RCC Drain from 21/100 km. to 21/700 km. (RHS) on Cuttack Chandabali Road in the district of Cuttack under State Plan for the year 2025-26.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer Cuttack (R&B)Circle.

OIPR-34012/11/0046/2526

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION - ELECTRICAL / WORKS

For and on behalf of the President of India the Divisional Railway Manager / Electrical - General / Trivandrum Division invites E-Tender. On-line bids only will be accepted.

Sl. No	Tender Notice No.	Name of the Work	(Amount in ₹ only) Value (₹)	EMD (₹)	Date of Opening
1	V-EG-OT - 15 - 2025 - 26	KCVL - Upgradation of core infrastructure of LHB coaching stock Electrical arrangements	11721970	208600	03.10.2025

Detailed NIT, bidding document etc can be viewed / down-loaded from website portal site **www.ireps.gov.in.** EMD shall be made on-line gateway mode only. Addendum / Corrigendum, time extension, Clarification etc., if any will be uploaded in website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical) / Trivandrum

NOTICE

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, VILLUPURAM, TAMIL NADU

Consumer Complaint No.: DC/596/CC/102/2025

Mr. Jeeveash Kumar, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu.
- Complainant

Versus

Managing Director, Acer India Pvt. Ltd., Head Office, Bangalore, Karnataka.
- Opposite Party No.1

The public notice is hereby given to the Managing Director, Acer India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, to appear before the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, on 15th September 2025, in connection with Consumer Complaint No. DC/596/CC/102/2025, pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble Commission.

By Order of the Commission,
Date: 14th September 2025
Place: **Villupuram**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/137/2025 dated 25.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Auction for the following work.

Sl.No.	Item of Work	Approx.Value
1.	Construction of 2 lane Road over Bridge along with LHS as 1x4.0 x2.50 m RCC Box (By BOX pushing method) in lieu of LC No 44 at Km: 75/300-400 with 1x30m Composite Girder (Railway portion) + 03x18.71m PSC Girder towards Bengaluru- Honnavaar Highway and 08x18.71m PSC Girder towards Heggere Village and Retaining wall on both sides of ROB merging lengths between Heggere Halt and Mallsandra stations including Electrical works (Composite work)	Rs. 21,32,27,983/-

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 15.00 hrs on 03.10.2025

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works, Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/457/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE No. DRM/Works/BZA/23/2025 dt. 12.09.2025 PUB/1125/25

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15:00 hrs. and the date mentioned against each.

Sl.No. 1.; Tender No.: E-22-CENTRAL-BZA-2025; **Details of work: Name of work:** BZA-Div. GDR-BZA Section-Rebuilding of Existing Br. No. 682 Up & Dn with RCC boxes by open Cut method in SSE/Works/TEL.; **Period of Completion:** 09(Nine Months); **Tender Value:** Rs. 2,69,00,898/-; **E.M.D.:** Rs. 2,84,500/- **Date of Closing:** 07.10.2025.

Sl.No. 2.; Tender No.: E-23-CENTRAL-BZA-2025; **Details of work: Name of work:** BZA Division: BZA-VSKP Section-NZD: Development of Goods shed at NZD Station in ADEN/EE Sub Division under DEN/C/ BZA Jurisdiction.; **Period of Completion:** 12(Twelve Months); **Tender Value:** Rs. 14,93,38,129/-; **E.M.D.:** Rs. 8,96,700/- **Date of Closing:** 07.10.2025.

1. Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** before the date of tender closing to note any changes/ corrigenda for any tender. **3.** The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C. Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen. **4.** The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto visit our site at **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Vijayawada

Tender Notice No.37/2025. Dt.12.09.2025. PUB/1127/25

Supply of Stores Items. E-Procurement Tender Notice: -The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested to Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** and Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen in Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time is 14.30 Hrs of The Due Date of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System as Available on **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
33251370	Speed Sensor G16
38251023	Locking Plate
54255009	Procurement of 515 Report Printers
56251197	Lead Acid Stationery cells,80AH low
33251368	Dump Valve (ANTI SKID VALVE)
LN256657	6 KG Portable DCP type Fire Extinguisher
45251037	Contactor for Net 1&2. Rated voltage;1000 V AC
29251395	Damper (for WAP7)
45251056	low maintenance Diesel loco starter battery
52255013	IP Based CCTV for Coaches
56257001	24 Fibre Armoured Optical Fibre Cable
66257590	Procurement of TM spares
66257773	Procurement of TM spares
56255260	Supply of 6Quad Cable 1.4 mm dia

Note: Due dates of Tender Opening

SL. No. 01 to 03 dt. 30.09.2025. SL. No. 04 to 07 on dt. 06.10.2025. SL. No. 08 on dt. 07.10.2025. SL. No. 09 on dt. 08.10.2025. SL. No.10 on dt. 09.10.2025. SL. No.11 on dt.13.10.2025 SL. No.12 on dt. 14.10.2025 . SL. No.13 on dt. 15.10.2025. SL. No.14 on dt. 16.10.2025.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above Rs. 50 Lakhs for details Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/ SCR/ Secunderabad.
A1426

For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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TRUMP DEMANDS NATO COUNTRIES STOP BUYING OIL FROM RUSSIA

US President said Saturday the Ukraine war would end soon if all NATO countries stopped buying Russian oil and imposed steep tariffs on China

'READY TO IMPOSE MAJOR SANCTIONS ON MOSCOW'

Donald Trump said he would impose "major sanctions" on Russia once all NATO countries stop buying oil from Moscow. NATO member Turkey is the third-largest buyer of Russian oil, after China and India. Other alliance members importing Russian oil include Hungary and Slovakia. Highlighting this, Trump argued it undermines NATO's "bargaining power over Russia"

CALLS FOR 50% TARIFFS ON CHINA

- Trump also urged NATO countries to impose tariffs of 50 to 100% on China. "China has strong control, even a grip, over Russia, and these powerful tariffs will break that grip," the US President said
- Trump's latest demand comes hours after he asked G7 countries to impose tariffs on countries buying oil from Russia, including India

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Push to build trust between people of hills and valley

PM'S BIG PITCH FOR PEACE IN MANIPUR

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Imphal

IN his first visit to Manipur since ethnic violence erupted in 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday made a strong appeal for peace and reconciliation, calling on all warring groups to "move forward on the path of peace."

Speaking from Churachandpur, a Kuki-dominated district at the heart of the conflict, the PM said: "I would appeal to all organisations to move forward on the path of peace and fulfill their dreams. Today, I promise you that I am with you, the Government of India is with you, the people of Manipur."

Modi's visit comes after over two years of mounting criticism from opposition parties over his absence from the strife-hit state. Ethnic clashes sparked by a court ruling to grant Scheduled Tribe status to the dominant Meitei community.

Acknowledging the scale of suffering, Modi said: "Manipur is a land of hope and aspiration. Unfortunately, violence had cast its shadow on this beautiful region. A short while ago, I met those affected who are living in relief camps. After meeting them, I can say with confidence that a new dawn of hope and trust is rising in Manipur."

He emphasised the need to rebuild trust between the warring communities: "A strong bridge of trust must be built between the people of the Hills and the Valley." Assuring continued support of the Union government, Modi added: "The Government of India is making every possible effort to bring life back on track in Manipur. For families who have lost their homes, our government is helping to build 7,000 new houses."

Modi also pointed to recent negotiations between conflicting groups as a sign of progress. "These are part of the efforts of the Centre in which work is being done to establish peace while giving importance to dialogue, respect, and mutual understanding," he said. **P9**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with violence-hit people at a relief camp in Churachandpur | **PTI**

Modi balm for internally displaced

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Imphal

OVER two years after ethnic violence hit Manipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met with families displaced by the conflict in both Churachandpur and Imphal, reaffirming his government's commitment to peace and rehabilitation in the strife-torn state.

"I am with you," Modi told victims of the violence, during emotional interactions in relief camps at Churachandpur's Peace Ground and later in the Meitei-majority capital, Imphal. Braving heavy rain, the Prime Minister travelled 65 km by road from Imphal airport to reach Churachandpur, the epicentre of the 2023 clashes that left 260 people dead and thousands displaced.

In Churachandpur, where the violence first erupted during a tribal rally opposing Meitei demands for Scheduled Tribe status, Modi listened to grievances from the Kuki-Zo community, interacted with elderly residents and children in relief shelters, and assured them that the government was "fully committed to restoring peace and normalcy." "Manipur is the land of the brave... For development to take root anywhere, peace is essential," Modi told them. The ethnic clashes that broke out on May 3, 2023, have fractured the state along community lines. During his visit to Churachandpur, Modi also laid the foundation stones for 14 development projects worth ₹7,300 crore — including drainage systems, women's hostels, schools, and super-specialty healthcare facilities.

Entire Oppn set to boycott JPC

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE entire opposition, including the Congress, is likely to boycott the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) that will examine the three bills seeking the removal of top government functionaries, including the prime minister and the chief ministers, arrested or detained on criminal charges for 30 consecutive days, sources said.

The Trinamool Congress, the Samajwadi Party, the Aam Aadmi Party and the Shiv Sena (UBT) have already stated that they will not send members to the panel, which is yet to be constituted.

The Congress, which initially indicated its openness to send members to the panel, has decided to join others in the INDIA bloc in boycotting it, sources told this newspaper. They added that the Congress pivot on the issue is for the sake of opposition unity ahead of the Bihar elections and to keep up the momentum built around the issue of 'vote theft' during the Monsoon Session.

The committee has been asked to submit its report during the Winter Session, which will likely begin in the third week of November.

Earlier, the Congress, the DMK and the CPI(M) argued that the Opposition should nominate members to the JPC and oppose the bill, which they see as unconstitutional and harmful to the country's federal structure.

According to sources, these parties felt the TMC, which was the first to announce it would not join the panel, made that decision without consulting others.

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Chinnaswamy Stadium: Power supply not to be restored soon

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POWER supply to Chinnaswamy Stadium, which is also known as Karnataka State Cricket Association Stadium, is not likely to be restored anytime soon. The Bangalore Electric Supply Company Ltd (Bescom) cut power supply to the stadium on June 30, 2025, following a request by the Fire and Emergency Services Department, citing violations. The decision followed a horrific stampede near the stadium during RCB's victory celebrations on June 4, in which 11 people died and 71 people were injured.

Now, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board too is looking into violations by the stadium. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

Private cultural events at select ASI sites soon

New Delhi: Private cultural events may soon be permitted on the premises of select ASI protected sites. According to officials, the culture ministry is considering policy amendment to allow renting out space at monuments handed over to corporates under its 'Adopt a Heritage' programme | **P10**

Waqf Act: SC to give verdict tomorrow

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will pronounce interim orders on three key issues, including the power to denotify properties declared as "waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed", which cropped up during the hearing of pleas challenging the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, on Monday.

INDIA-PAK T20 TODAY

The Suryakumar Yadav-led India will take on Pakistan in a sporting event for the first time since the cross-border tensions in April-May on Sunday | **P13**

At Bangalore Turf Club, you can bet after race is finished!

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SPLIT seconds matter when horses gallop towards the winning post. Pride, fortune and many lives are in the fray when people bet on the outcome of races. Now, can you think of a racing club which allows people to bet as late as an hour after the race has started?

It is all happening at Bangalore Turf Club (BTC). A forensic audit by a reputed private firm has reportedly revealed many alleged irregularities at BTC, including betting after race time, reuse of tickets to let in more people, and lack of transparency in infrastructure and services contracts.

The report looked at income and expenditure from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, at the BTC. Sources said the private firm had recently submitted the report to the BTC management.

On betting after the start of the race, the report has stated that in 731 out of 88.57 lakh tickets, the betting time was after the race start time. The time difference ranged from one second to one hour. **CONTINUED ON P7**

Kids stuck in traffic for 2 hrs daily: Parents

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

OVER 1,500 parents in and around Sarjapur, Varthur, Panathur and Bellandur have petitioned the traffic police chief to save their wards from the pain of getting stuck in traffic for two hours every day. This comes after a day after a school bus sank in a ditch near Panathur and 20 students had to be pulled out. The parents have now expressed a grave concern over 15 locations that are infamous for traffic gridlocks and potholes on the stretch.

Over 25,000 children bear the brunt of bad infrastructure in the Bengaluru East City Corporation that houses a significant number of IT companies. Parents said the bad stretch extends from Sarjapur Road to Varthur Road, covering Bellandur, Panathur, Thubarahalli, and Balagere. They complain that their children are stuck in traffic on this road for over two hours every day.

Maneka Reddy, whose child is studying at Inventure Academy, approached Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Karthik Reddy and requested him to address the issue. "Our children are stuck in traffic between 2.30 and 4.30 pm every day. School buses are taking a long time to traverse because of potholes, construction vehicles parked on the roadside, vehicles coming from the opposite side and others. The issues were taken up with the joint commissioner of police (traffic) and he is aiming to ease the situation," she said. **P4**

The Balagere-Panathur Road in Bengaluru, where a schoolbus got stuck in a ditch on Friday, is in a pathetic condition | **EXPRESS**

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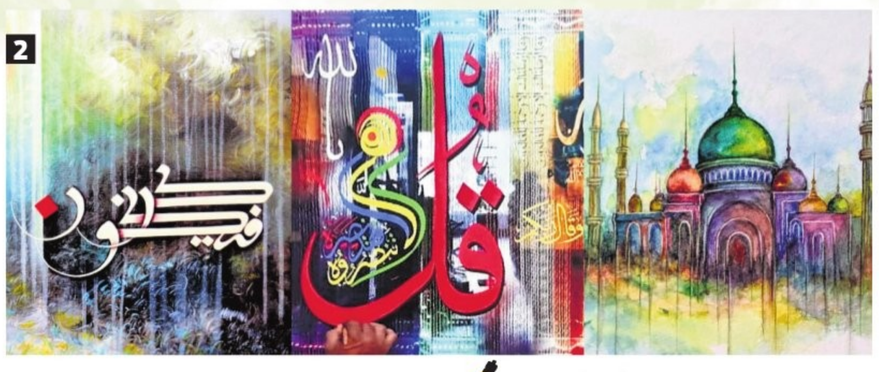

Calligraphy and a message deep within

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

Around 40 artists from all faiths are on a campaign to preserve the Islamic art, and build communal harmony

WHEN veteran artist Dr Subbayya Neela was invited to join a campaign to spread communal harmony through the ancient but fading art of Islamic calligraphy, he could not hide his delight. For him, the idea was not merely about preserving an art form, but about exploring the potential of art to transcend barriers of faith and culture.

"I have always believed that art knows no religion or boundaries. Art has the power to touch the hearts of people across communities. That is why, when I was approached to contribute to this unique initiative, I immediately agreed. I prepared a few pieces of Arabic calligraphy that were later exhibited in different places as part of the campaign," recalled Dr Neela.

Among his works was a calligraphic representation of the Arabic phrase 'Allahu Akbar', which means 'God is Great'. "I was given the liberty to interpret the phrase through my own artistic imagination, while maintaining the sanctity of the verse. It was both a responsibility and a joy," he said.

Dr Neela is among 40 artists from across Karnataka, both Hindus and Muslims, who have joined this movement that began in Kalaburagi in 2020. The campaign was conceived not only to preserve Islamic calligraphy, which has been steadily losing ground, but also to foster unity at a time when society is fractured along communal lines.

The Initiative

It was the brainchild of noted artist Mohammed Ayazuddin Patel, a veteran painter from Kalaburagi and recipient of the Lalit Kala Akademi Award. "When hatred and intolerance seemed to be gaining ground in society, we felt the need to bring people together. We thought of reviving Arabic and Islamic calligraphy because it embodies both artistic beauty and deep spiritual messages. At the same time, it offered us a platform to involve artists of all faiths to work together for harmony," he explained.

Ayazuddin was soon joined by another respected artist, Rehman Patel, and together they expanded the circle of participants. What started with around 15 artists, junior and senior, has now grown into a diverse collective of 40, half of whom are Hindus. These artists work closely with their Muslim counterparts to ensure accuracy in Arabic writing, while retaining artistic freedom.

The campaign, in many ways, draws inspiration from the history of the Deccan itself. Rehman Patel points out that after the decline of the Chalukyan dynasty, many local artisans and craftsmen found themselves unemployed. With the arrival of Muslim rulers in the region, particularly in erstwhile Bijapur and Gulbarga, these artisans were drawn into projects that fused Persian and Turkish influences with local Indian traditions.

"The architecture of that time was a collaboration. While designs came from foreign artists, the actual construction was executed by local Hindu craftsmen. The result was Indo-Persian art, a blend of Indian and Islamic architecture that still stands testament to cultural harmony," he said. Arabic and Islamic calligraphy flourished during this period, adorning monuments and manuscripts, but over the centuries, as tastes and practices changed, the art form began to fade. "Our campaign is an attempt to not only revive this vanishing tradition but also to remind people of the harmony that once defined this land," he added.

Preserving sacredness

A key aspect is the selection of verses from the Quran. The organizers have been deliberate in choosing verses that emphasize unity, peace and brotherhood, values that are not confined to one faith but resonate universally. "The artists are given complete freedom to use their imagination while ensuring that calligraphy remains the focal point. We guide them on the technicalities of Arabic script, but artistic interpretation is entirely theirs," explained Ayazuddin. "This way, we safeguard the sacredness of the verses while allowing creativity to flourish."

For many Hindu artists like Basavaraj Totad and Rajani Talwar who are involved in it, it has been a learning experience. Working with Arabic characters is not easy, and ensuring accuracy requires constant collaboration. Yet, this very collaboration has built bonds of trust and friendship. "It is heartening to see artists from different backgrounds sit together, discuss and create something so meaningful," said Ashok Hiremath, an artist from Bidar.

To showcase their work and reach a wider audience, the collective has organized exhibitions, usually coinciding with Id-Milad, the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed. So far, five exhibitions have been held, each drawing large crowds from different faiths. "The response has been overwhelming," Ayazuddin said. "We have seen people from all communities attend and appreciate the art. Many told us that such initiatives give them hope that religious harmony is still alive in our society, and voices of hate and division are not as strong as they seem."

The exhibitions are not limited to calligraphy, but also feature paintings and photographs of ancient monuments from the Deccan region, tying the campaign to the cultural and architectural heritage of Karnataka. "This serves two purposes. It connects people with their shared history, and encourages them to protect and preserve monuments that are our national heritage," said Rehman Patel.

Messages beyond borders

For the participating artists, the project is as much about personal conviction as it is about art. Dr Neela believes the messages of peace from saints and prophets have universal appeal. "Prophet Mohammed spread the message of peace, which can be accepted by anyone, anywhere in the world," he said.

"If art can be used as a language of unity, it should not remain confined to one place. Art has always been a reflection of society. If society is fractured, art can heal and unite. That is what we are trying to do through this campaign," Ayazuddin said.

1. Visitors admire a calligraphy piece showcased at an exhibition as part of a campaign to spread communal harmony **2.3.4.** Calligraphy paintings created by various artists **5.** The group of artists who joined the campaign

HC asks colleges to pay ₹3cr to Army fund to allow students to complete BAMS course

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THE Karnataka High Court has permitted students in a batch of petitions who are found to be eligible to complete their studies of the Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) Course, subject to the deposit of Rs 3 crore by the colleges they are studying in favour of the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund.

A division bench of Justice DK Singh and Justice Venkatesh Naik T passed the order while disposing of the four petitions regarding the issue of admissions. The court penalised the colleges for admitting students over and above the seats allotted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA).

Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, Shivamogga, admitted 20 students for the 1st year BAMS for the academic year 2022-23 and 27 students for the first year BAMS course for the academic year 2023-2024, without undergoing the process of counselling conducted by the KEA. Similarly, Achutha Ayurvedic Medical College, Bengaluru, filled up 39 seats on their own without the process of counselling and allotment made by the KEA.

The court said that as a one-time measure, the students who are found to be eligible to take admissions should be permitted to complete their studies of the BAMS course. TMAE Society Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, Shivamogga, was ordered to pay Rs 75 lakh each for the admission of 20 students in the 2022-23 batch of the 1-year BAMS course and 27 students in the 1-year BAMS course of 2023-24. Ramakrishna Medical Hospital and Research Centre, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, faced a Rs 75 lakh penalty for admitting 31 students independently during the 2022-23 academic year. Achutha Ayurvedic Medical College, Bengaluru, was also fined Rs 75 lakh for admitting 39 students in the same period for 1-year BAMS course.

This amount should be deposited by the petitioner-colleges in favour of the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund, the court added.

The court further said that the admissions of the eligible students would be subject to the said deposit made by the petitioner-colleges, and the proof of deposit should be submitted by the respective colleges before all three authorities--National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), KEA and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Health Sciences (RGUHS), including the registry of the court.

The court stated that the petitioner-colleges will furnish an undertaking on affidavit that in future, they will take only those students who will be sent through counselling to the colleges by the KEA, and they will not admit any other student who is not sent by the KEA through counselling, except the foreign students.

To save the interest of the students admitted by the petitioner-- colleges over and above the allotment made by the KEA, the court directed the petitioner colleges to furnish the details of all the students admitted before the KEA for verification about the eligibility of the students admitted by them. The KEA will examine the credentials of each student to find out whether such a student is eligible for admission or not.

RESIDENTS PIN HOPES ON NEW CORPN TO FIX ROAD

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THE parents have found 15 junctions that are causing delays for one reason or the other. Traffic police have surveyed the potholes, the transport system of each school and bus timings to arrive at a data-driven solution. But the biggest issue remains with the corporation.

"Earlier during the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administration, officials used to give the lame excuse of monsoon to delay the road work, like asphalting and filling up of potholes. During the non-rainy season, they would delay fixing potholes," said Pavithra Holla, a parent from Balagere-Panathur Road. She hoped that the new corporation would fix the Balagere-Panathur Road from the Railway Under Bridge side.

Recently, Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development Department Tushar Girinath directed Greater Bengaluru Authority officials and other parastatals to address the pothole issue. The traffic department has identified 4,822 potholes on major roads in the city and asked GBA to fix them.

Karthik Reddy said he will analyse data from each school in the area and stagger school bus timings. This, he hoped, would bring some improvement in traffic in the area. He also urged GBA to fix potholes.

A schoolbus carrying 20 children got stuck in a ditch on the Balagere-Panathur Road on Friday | EXPRESS

Works to fix Balagere-Panathur Road begins

Bengaluru: A day after a school bus, with around 20 children on board, got stuck in a ditch along the Balagere-Panathur Road, officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) visited the spot and stated that road repair work, along with road extension as per the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP), has been taken up. On Saturday morning, East Commissioner Ramesh D S, along with Joint Commissioner Dr Dakshayini, Executive Engineer Uday and others visited the site. As per the inspection and evaluation, it has been decided that the widening of the road to 18 metres is necessary. This is reported to have been a priority concern for about six months now. As of now, the width of the road is between 10 to 15 metres. According to Uday, consent is required from private landowners in the area to extend the road's dimensions. As of now, one owner has already consented after the bus incident, and their compound wall of 15-20 years is being demolished. As of now, a 200-metre-stretch of land is available for widening, for which work has started already. **ENS**

Problematic traffic junctions listed by parents of students

- Ambalipura-Sarjapur Road and Varthur-Sarjapur Road -- Only two traffic personnel on the stretch, filled with potholes and absence of a barricade.
- AET Junction to APR -- Narrow Road, people drive on the wrong side, leading to choking. A barricade is urgently needed here.
- Varthur-Sarjapur Road -- Absence of a traffic signal leading to traffic jams.
- Kodathi Gate signal -- The signal duration is very long and does not prioritise high traffic volume coming from schools.
- Muthanallur Signal -- Just a 30-second green signal, huge potholes, construction vehicles parked along the sides.
- Panathur Main Road and Underpass -- Narrow roads, lack of coordinated signals and poor road conditions.
- Devarabeesanahalli village circle -- Absence of a signal.
- Gunjur to Varthur Market area (on to Whitefield) -- Narrow roads, large potholes and staggered junctions.
- Brigade Cornerstone Utopia and Sai Purvi -- Potholes.
- Road connecting Sarjapur Hosa Road -- Two U-turns between Hosa Road and Sarjapur Road choke traffic in all directions.
- Nandini Circle near SNN Raj Etternia -- This junction is used by all school buses, resulting in traffic jams.
- Junction near Mahaveer Ranches -- Potholes, waterlogging and heavy vehicle movement during school hours.
- Harvest International School -- Choke points.
- Carmelaram Railway Station Road -- Four-wheelers, two-wheelers and cabs block this road.
- Deens Academy - Gunjur - Potholes

'India needs start-ups based on deep tech'

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"INDIA needs start-ups based on deep tech technologies built on scientific breakthroughs with the potential for profound and transformative impacts across industries and society," said Ashutosh Dutt Sharma, CEO, IHFC (I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics), Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Deep Tech Start-up Summit-2025' organised by Co-innovation Centre and the Department of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence of NMIT.

"Unless and until deep tech start-ups succeed, we will not move forward towards the development of society and the nation at large. They differ from other start-ups by having higher technological advancements and strong intellectual property, with a focus on solving major global challenges. These are essential to solving fundamental challenges in areas such as climate change and healthcare," Sharma said.

Over 100 deep tech start-up aspirants from across India participated in the two-day summit. Dr T Asokan, professor at IIT Madras; Dr H C Nagaraj, principal, NMIT; Dr Sandeep Shastri, V-P, Nitte Deemed to be University, Bengaluru campus, and others were present.

MLA and BDA Chairman NA Haris takes a ride during the launch of an auto driving training programme at MG Road on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Transgenders may get free autos after training

Bengaluru: In a move aimed at empowering women and transgender persons, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Chairman and Shantinagar MLA NA Haris on Saturday promised to discuss with the Greater Bengaluru Authority the possibility of providing free autos to those who successfully complete the certified auto-driving training. He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Free Auto-Driving Training Program for Women and Transgender Persons' at the MG Road Metro Station Kala Kendra. The initiative was launched by the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) in collaboration with Consultants to Government and Industry (CGI). **ENS**

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CM Siddaramaiah stressed that education is the foundation of knowledge, independence, self-respect and responsibility, and must be accessible to everyone. Inaugurating the Shri Shivaratri Rajendra Anubhav Mantapa and the office of the JSS Prasad Nilayas Senior Students' House Construction Cooperative Society Limited at Shri Shivaratri Rajendra Nagar near Varuna Lake here on Saturday, Siddaramaiah said for the first time in the history of cooperative societies, sites have been allotted at the same price as the land purchased earlier

Man, daughter killed as lorry crushes auto

24-year-old got engaged recently; Driver flees

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IN a horrific accident, a 45-year-old autorickshaw driver and his 24-year-old daughter were killed on the spot after a speeding lorry ran over several vehicles near Sumanahalli Junction under Kamakshipalya traffic police station limits on Saturday morning.

The father-daughter duo was on their way to church.

Another biker was injured, while a couple and their minor child travelling in a car narrowly escaped.

The deceased Yesu D and his daughter Mariya Jennifer were residents of Harohalli.

According to the police, the duo was heading to church after Jennifer's recent engagement. The lorry, which was coming from an industrial area, lost control owing to suspected brake failure and ploughed into a bike, an autorickshaw, and a car at the junction.

The impact was so severe that the autorickshaw was crushed, killing Yesu and Mariya on the spot. While the car and the bike were completely damaged, the occupants of the car escaped unharmed, and the biker sustained serious injuries.

Kamakshipalya traffic police rushed to the spot, seized the lorry, and registered a case of death due to negligence and rash driving against the driver, who is absconding.

The mangled remains of the autorickshaw in the accident with the lorry near Sumanahalli Junction on Saturday; (inset) victims, Yesu D, Mariya Jennifer | EXPRESS

Tractor hits bike, fishmonger killed

A 45-year-old fishmonger was killed after a speeding tractor rammed his scooter near Kodigehalli Main Road under Mahadevapura traffic police station limits at on Friday. The deceased Mehboob, was a resident of Kodigehalli. The tractor hit his scooter from behind, causing him to fall on the right side of the road, where the tractor's front wheel ran over him. He was rushed to a hospital but succumbed to his injuries. The tractor driver has been detained.

Woman run over by pickup van in city

A 45-year-old pedestrian died after being run over by a speeding pickup van on Cottonpet Mill Road under Chamarajpet traffic police station limits on Friday. The police said the deceased, Anjana Devi, was walking with her friend on the narrow lane when the vehicle came from behind. Her friend escaped unhurt. The police arrested the driver identified as Kiran.

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11 cops suspended for links with drug peddlers, face probe

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ELEVEN cops, including Chamarajpet police inspector attached to the West Division of Bengaluru City Police, were suspended for allegedly colluding with drug peddlers to sell narcotics under police protection.

The officers are accused of working with the peddlers, who were selling narcotics in and around the West Division, and of receiving money in exchange for providing them protection. The peddlers were allegedly paying police officials a commission of around Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 2 lakh in exchange for protection.

It was also alleged that the police personnel were used to attend parties with the peddlers.

They will now face a departmental inquiry for their alleged involvement with the gang.

The suspended officials include Chamarajpet Inspector T Manjanna, head constables Ramesh and Shivraj, and Constables Madhusudan, Prasanna, Shankar Belagali, and Anand; from JJ Nagar police station, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Kumar, head constables Anand, constables Basavan Gowda and Mahesh Kumar.

The suspension comes at a time when the state government has announced its aim to make Karnataka a drug-free state. A senior police officer said that the RR Nagar police arrested six peddlers on August 22 while they were selling tidal tablets to students and others. The police seized 1,000 tablets, which cannot be sold without a doctor's prescription. During the investigation, it was found that the accused were in constant touch with police personnel attached to Chamarajpet and JJ Nagar stations.

The officer said the matter was reported to Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Kengeri Gate Sub-Division, Bharath Reddy, who then submitted a report to Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) West, S Girish. The case was later handed over to ACP Chandan of Vijayanagar Sub-Division for a detailed probe.

Delivery boy kidnapped, murdered

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AN 18-year-old delivery boy was kidnapped and murdered for not paying ransom in the city. The deceased was identified as K Deepak Raj, a resident of Annapoorneshwarinagar. The police have arrested the two accused and are on the lookout for the remaining.

After kidnapping Raj, the accused called his elder brother, Praveen (20), near Maganahalli Gudde at Maganahalli in Tavarekere area the spot and attacked them for not giving them ransom amount on last Sunday around 11.30 pm. They then let the brothers go home at night.

On Monday when Raj started vomiting repeatedly, he was rushed to a hospital where he died enroute.

The victim's mother, Yashoda, on Tuesday approached the Jnanabharathi police and filed a murder complaint.

"Two of the accused have been arrested. The deceased's two-wheeler which is with the other absconding accused is yet to be recovered. The accused are known to the brothers. They then called Praveen demanding a ransom. Since Praveen was unable to arrange the money, the accused kept Raj's new two-wheeler and told them to take it after giving them money. The accused beat the brothers with wooden logs," said an officer.

A case of murder, kidnapping for ransom, causing hurt by dangerous weapons, and criminal intimidation has been registered against the accused.

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BTP collect ₹106 cr in pending fines in 21 days

Bengaluru: Bengaluru traffic police(BTP) collected Rs 106 crore in pending fines from violators, in just 21 days. After a gap of two years, the state government had announced a 50 per cent rebate on e-challan traffic fine payments, effective from August 23 to September 12. A total of 37,86,173 cases were settled through all prescribed modes of payment, and a total of Rs 106 crore was collected. There were many Bengalureans who wished to settle their traffic dues in the last minute, but failed to do so. While their request was to continue the rebate on fines, sources from the traffic department maintained that they cannot do so and the state government had to take on call on this.

IISc hosts event on World Alzheimer's Month

Bengaluru: Dementia India Alliance (DIA), in association with Centre for Brain Research, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore, held "The Memory Dialogue" on Saturday on the occasion of World Alzheimer's Month. Dr Jonas S Sundarakumar, Assistant Professor at Centre for Brain Research, said, "Brain health is for everyone. It is never too early (to prioritise it). Dementia is not related to any age-related memory decline." Dr Thomas Gregor Isaac, Associate Professor at Centre for Brain Research said, "Dementia will be the third leading cause of death globally by 2040."

EXTORTION CHARGES AGAINST COP

A private firm employee has accused Kodigehalli Police Inspector Muthuraj and a constable of filing a fake case, extortion, and custodial harassment to force him to sell his property. The victim, Sanjay KN, lodged a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast) on Thursday, alleging misuse of power for personal gain. He also approached Lokayukta. According to the complaint, Sanjay owned a site in NTI Layout 2nd Stage, which his neighbour, identified as Chetan, had been trying to acquire. When he refused to sell, Chetan allegedly involved with Inspector Muthuraj to register a false forgery case. Sanjay was arrested under the pretext of inquiry, later remanded to 14 days in custody, and allegedly tortured to force a compromise. He alleged that Narasimhappa, a constable close to the inspector, demanded Rs 2 lakh from his brother Natesh to prevent physical assault in custody and later threatened him against disclosing the payment.

119 students fall ill in Belagavi

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A suspected case of food poisoning at the Morarji Desai Residential School for Minorities in Hirekodi village, under the jurisdiction of the Ankali Primary Health Centre in Chikkodi taluk, left 119 students fell ill. Some of them were recovered soon, while officials hospitalised around 77 students who needed treatment. The incident occurred around 9 am on Friday after several students began experiencing symptoms such as vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhea, and fever. The affected students are among the 400 residing in the school hostel. The concerned Principal of the school and warden of the hostel have been suspended in connection to this.

Although the symptoms appeared shortly after breakfast, some students who had not consumed the morning meal also fell ill, raising suspicions about possible water contamination. The kids who fell ill had 'Upma' for breakfast and consumed the locally supplied drinking water. 40 students along with few who were taking treatment at private hospital have been discharged. While 19 others who are serious were referred to the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital.

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INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Law Commission of India Chairman delivers lecture at the 1st KIIT International Moot Court Competition

Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Chairman of the 23rd Law Commission of India and Former Judge of the Supreme Court, graced the inaugural session of the 1st KIIT International Moot Court Competition 2025 during his two-day visit to KIIT and KISS, emphasising commitment to excel in the profession.

Speaking at the competition, Justice Maheshwari highlighted the vital role of moot courts in shaping young legal professionals. "Moot court has become essential for every role we perform as lawyers, whether in litigation, arbitration or beyond. Arbitration today is not just an alternative dispute resolution mechanism—it has become an integral part of the legal system, opening doors where traditional law may fail," he said.

Sharing his advice with aspiring lawyers, he emphasised clarity, precision, and critical thinking. "In any process of adjudication, it is precision that matters more than volume. Learn to be crisp, keep questioning, and success will follow. Curiosity is the hallmark of a successful lawyer," he observed. He further urged students to commit themselves fully to moot court activities, cultivate trust, and develop the ability to make sense out of complex information.

Justice Maheshwari also lauded the vision of KIIT and KISS Founder, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, noting, "One of the striking features of Dr. Samanta's leadership is his philosophy of 'India Against Negativity'. We must all take a pledge to stand against negativity."

Earlier, during his visit to KISS, he interacted with the tribal students and expressed his appreciation at the pivotal role the university is playing in socio-economic development for the tribal communities.

- **Justice Dinesh Maheshwari inaugurates 1st KIIT International Moot Court, stresses precision and curiosity in law.**
- **54+ teams, including international participants, compete in the premier edition at KIIT School of Law.**
- **Justice Maheshwari praises Dr. Samanta's vision, KIIT–KISS role in education and tribal upliftment.**

Over 54 teams, including international participants, are competing in the premier edition of the International Moot Court hosted by KIIT School of Law, one of the country's most reputed law schools which has earlier created history by winning the BCI National Moot Court Competition three times in a row.

Ashok Kumar Parija, Chancellor of KIIT, encouraged students to pursue law with dedication, remarking, "Law is a difficult profession. Give 20 hours a day to this profession, and the rewards will follow."

Prof. (Emeritus) N. L. Mitra, KIIT School of Law, traced the history of moot courts, noting their origins in the late 19th century and the emergence of arbitration moots in the 1960s. KIIT Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Raju K. D., and Director of KIIT School of Law Prof. Rose Varghese also addressed the gathering.

Udupi is all set to celebrate Sri Krishna Janmashtami on Sunday, followed by the vibrant Vitla Pindi on Monday. As part of the festivities, Paryaya Sri Puthige Mutt has planned to distribute 1.5 lakh chakkulis and 3.5 lakh 'unde' to devotees

Birla moots National Legislative Index

This is to rank state legislatures in country; Delhi Assembly Speaker to prepare proposal

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(From left) Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Assembly Speaker UT Khader during the valedictory of 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla here on Saturday mooted a National Legislative Index (NLI) to rank state assemblies and councils on the basis of their performance.

"The performance of the state assemblies could be assessed on the basis of parameters such as number of sittings held every year, productivity of the House, quality of debates, adoption of technology and efficacy of various committees," he said after the valedictory of the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)-India Region Conference.

Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta has been tasked with preparing a proposal on NLI, which will be discussed at the All-India Presiding Officers Conference scheduled to be held in Lucknow in January 2026, he added.

In his speech earlier, he expressed concerns over the "planned deadlock" in the House and stressed the need for comprehensive dialogue among all parties and elected representatives to resolve the issue.

He suggested that rather than disrupt the proceedings of legislatures on ideological or political grounds, lawmakers must resolve to keep the House functioning. Birla emphasised the need to increase the duration of debates and the number of sittings during legislative sessions. "The legislatures should try to ensure maximum participation of youth through political discussions and decisions taken in them. State legislative bodies will try and organise programmes to increase public participation," he suggested.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh said, "Under the chairmanship of Speaker Birla, several parliamentary committees like SC/ST and women held meetings like a mini-parliament with members from different ideologies debating subjects."

As many as 45 presiding officers from 26 states and union territories participated in the three-day conference organised by the Karnataka Assembly. Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, who has won as an MLC for the eighth consecutive term creating a record, and CPA secretary general Stephen Twigg from London were honoured.

No party wrote to me on boycotting JPC: Birla

Birla clarified that no political party has written to him about boycotting the Joint Parliamentary Committee to examine the three Bills that seek the removal of top government functionaries arrested for 30 consecutive days on serious charges.

He was referring to opposition parties boycotting JPC, which will look into three bills introduced in the Lok Sabha -- the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill; the Constitution (One Hundred And Thirtieth Amendment) Bill; and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill. Birla said he has sought names from parties to be included in the JPC. Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and Shiv Sena (UBT) have declined to be part of JPC. Congress is yet to decide on it.

Manipur debated elaborately: Birla

Birla said, "Manipur violence has been debated at each interval when the bill on the state was tabled. Also Manipur's demand for development grants was discussed," he said, replying to a query on how he interpreted Modi's visit to the troubled state after Parliament debated the issue.

On allegations by opposition parties that they are not given adequate time to debate on Operation Sindoor, Birla said he acted as per the rule book. "In Parliament, there is a system to allot the time for political parties based on their numbers (MPs). The House ran for four hours more than the allocated time during the debate on Operation Sindoor. Efforts to give time to all members went in vain as the session was disrupted," he said.

CPA adopts four resolutions

The CPA adopted four resolutions -- Eliminating deadlocks and disruptions inside Houses to increase public trust in democratic institutions; strengthen the research and reference wings of state legislative institutions in collaboration with Parliament. The meeting also resolved to ensure greater use of digital technology in legislative institutions; and to increase the participation of youth and women.

The spirit of democracy lies in constructive debate, says guv

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KARNATAKA Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot said on Saturday that the spirit of democracy lies in constructive debate within legislative Houses.

"Debates are not merely for expressing differences but for arriving at solutions. When the ruling and opposition parties engage meaningfully, policy-making becomes stronger, fairer, and more visionary, instilling public confidence that decisions are being made in the national interest," he said.

He was addressing the valedictory function of the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference held in Bengaluru.

The Governor cautioned against the growing trend of disruptions, slogans, and indiscipline that undermine the dignity of legislatures. "The legislature is not just a law-making body; it is a temple of public aspirations. Every debate here impacts the lives of citizens. The public watches closely, and therefore debates must be held with seriousness, decorum, and respect," he said.

He said the Chairman and the Speaker are guardians of the Legislature and their responsibilities, maintaining discipline, ensuring constructive debate, and guiding proceedings, are central to the smooth and meaningful functioning of democracy. He said legislators should focus on critical issues such as education, health, employment, social justice, women's empowerment, and rural development.

BACK TO BALLOT PAPERS; CONG GOVT RAISES ITS STAKES

POLITICAL RADAR
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THE Karnataka Government's decision to revert to ballot papers for elections to local bodies appears to be more of a political move to keep the pot boiling in Congress's campaign against Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and the electoral system, than building voters' trust. Congress – especially the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi – has been aggressively campaigning against the Election Commission and the electoral system.

In a move that is seen as an effort to give more credence to the party's ongoing campaign, the state cabinet recently decided to recommend to the State Election Commission (SEC) to replace EVMs with ballot papers in local body elections, though the former is commonly used in elections across the country.

In a candid admission to the reasons behind the government's thinking, Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar described it as a "political decision" as the party believes in the ballot paper system. Further, the Congress leader stated that the party has consistently expressed its dissatisfaction over the EVMs. Now that an opportunity has arisen, they have decided to opt for ballot papers and that there was nothing wrong in it.

The State Government may be well within its rights to decide on opting for ballot papers in the local body polls, but when it is making such a significant change, it needs to clearly spell out the reasons and take all stakeholders into confidence. It is the duty and responsibility of the State Government to explain to the commoner the rationale behind taking a step back in terms of the electoral system.

In India, EVMs were introduced as part of the efforts to reform the electoral process and address shortcomings in the ballot paper system. The EVM was first conceived in 1977 when the prototype was developed by Electronics Corporation of India Limited. For the first time, it was used in 50 polling stations in North Paravur Assembly segment by-elections in Kerala in May 1982. Over the years, they replaced the ballot paper system in Assembly and Lok Sabha polls across India. Most major political parties opposed the EVMs at different times after losing elections. The decision to replace EVMs with paper ballots withstood judicial scrutiny. The Election Commission of India (ECI) eventually introduced a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) to further bolster the system, as it allowed voters to verify if their vote was cast correctly.

Former bureaucrats with experience in conducting polls with ballot papers as well as EVMs view the State Government's decision to revert to ballot paper voting as a regressive step, as it comes with many challenges. According to them, the number of invalid/rejected votes will be very high due to a lack of clear marking on ballot papers by voters, and also provide a high scope for manipulation.

However, the SEC, which conducts rural and urban local body elections, is confident of handling the task. SEC Commissioner GS Sangreshi says the State Government has proposed to hold panchayat and urban local bodies' elections by using ballot papers and they are prepared to do so. Rejecting the allegations that it is a regressive move, the Commissioner says paper balloting is one of the best methods available in a democracy. The SEC will also be revising the voters' list.

However, the opposition BJP sees it as a move to impress Rahul Gandhi and wants the ECI to issue clear directions to the SEC. On its part, the ECI has to do everything possible to address the concerns expressed by the political parties and take proactive measures to ensure that people do not have any doubts about the system. It should also look into Karnataka IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge's suggestion on conducting a court-monitored technical audit of EVMs by the Government of Karnataka in collaboration with reputed research and development facilities in Bengaluru.

Ensuring transparency and trustworthiness of the system is a collective responsibility of the government, the ECI, political parties, civil society groups, and even the voters. But, unfortunately, politics often takes precedence over other aspects.

D'STHALA CASE

Plaint against Snehamayi Krishna

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THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Dharmasthala mass burial allegations summoned activists Girish Mattannavar and Jayant T, Vittal Gowda, the uncle of Sowjanya who was raped and murdered in 2012, Vittal's associate Pradeep and YouTuber Abhishek for questioning in the skull case on Saturday and recorded their statements.

Venkappa Kotian, a resident of Belthangady and member of Rashtriya Hindu Jagrana Vedike has lodged a complaint with the Belthangady police against activist Snehamayi Krishna accusing him of filing a false complaint against Vittal Gowda. In the complaint, Venkappa alleged, "Sowjanya's family and we are fighting for justice. The person named Snehamayi Krishna has made false allegations against Vittal Gowda allegedly upon the instructions of someone and attempted to divert our fight for justice. We suspect that Sowjanya's murderers only might have brought Krishna to file the complaint. Hence, Krishna must be questioned thoroughly and those who encouraged him to file the false complaint must be traced and action should be taken," he stated in the complaint.

Meanwhile, activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody released a video giving a call to hold a silent protest demanding justice for Sowjanya and also to hold prayers to stop vested interests from weakening the ongoing SIT probe. He alleged that there is an attempt to divert or weaken the ongoing SIT probe. "SIT is conducting a transparent probe. We will soon fix a date for a silent protest as per Mahatma Gandhi's principle of peace. Silent protest will be held in Belthangady. I also appeal Sowjanya activists to hold poojas on September 16 on the day of Sankramana in all temples to strengthen SIT," he said in the video.

Proposed steel plant in Koppal sparks fresh fears among residents

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

RESIDENTS and several organisations in Koppal are protesting against the State Government's plan to set up a Rs 2,345 crore steel plant near the town, citing serious health and pollution concerns.

The announcement to set up the plant comes just a week after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the district. During his visit, Siddaramaiah pointed to the Union Government granting environmental clearance for a different factory, but assured locals of his administration's support. "Though the Centre has issued an environment clearance certificate for the factory, our government will be with the people and is committed to the decision taken by Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara seer of Gavi Mutt," the CM had said.

However, the new project, announced by Industries Minister MB Patil on social media, has undermined that sense of assurance. Patil called it a "big win for Karnataka's steel plant industry", revealing that Japanese giant Sumitomo will invest in the state-of-the-art facility.

The news was met with alarm in Koppal, a region already grappling with industrial pollution. Residents worry how they can continue to live healthy lives as many have reported existing health issues they attribute to nearby industries.

This is not the first time the community has rallied against such a project. Just a few months ago, Koppal witnessed major protests against another large steel plant, with residents rallying to express fears over black smoke and respiratory problems. Many now fear that this new development may force them to relocate.

Green activist Chandru Doddamani said, "All leaders, including many ministers, know about the present condition of Koppal, and still they are trying to continue the industrial revolution here. Despite a series of protests and a video from the Gavi Mutt seer highlighting the horrible situation, the leaders are only thinking about industry. Residents must join like-minded organisations and protest to save Koppal," he said.

MIND YOUR STEP!
A footpath in Bengaluru's Raj Bhavan Road remains unrepaired after a tree was uprooted, exposing wires and putting pedestrians in danger | KEVIN NASHON

PM visited Manipur after pressure from Oppn: Siddu

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah responded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first visit to Manipur since ethnic violence hit the state in May 2023, and said it has come too late and that too after massive pressure from the Opposition. The PM stayed silent for more than two years on the violence in the northeastern state, the CM said.

Addressing concerns about the ongoing SIT investigation into the Dharamasthala case, Siddaramaiah said there has been no delay in the probe and that the government had not interfered in the investigation. "I am also a Hindu. I have Lord Eshwar and Vishnu in my name," he added.

On allegations that the State Government is creating new castes, the CM said that the issue is not about religious conversion. "A few individuals may have converted, but this would not have happened if there was equality within Hinduism and equal opportunities for all," he added.

Increasing forest cover tough task with infra projects seeking space

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FORESTS are shrinking. Various government departments and private organsiations are keen to make use of forest land not just for laying cables and water lines, but for setting up minor and mega power projects, hydro-electric, infrastructure and mining projects.

Latest in the list is the Mines and Geology Department. It is seeking permission to re-open closed mines for auction, extraction and exploration of ores in new areas. The plea is on for gold exploration in Chikkamagaluru and reopening mines in Kolar and Ballari, saying it will help increase revenue to the state exchequer, said a senior forest department official.

"While most applications are for small works like laying cables, providing water connection, telephone lines, mobile phone towers and so on for rural areas and people staying inside the forests, but if they are all piled up then the area sought increases. If these projects along with mining projects are tallied and approved then the state will stand lose 8000 Ha of forest land and if power projects are also included then the figure will increase to over 10,000Ha of forest land," the official added.

The number of applications for road works are also rising, said another official. As per forest rules and Wildlife Protection Act, no permission for laying new roads can be given inside forests. So the proposals come for widening or improving existing roads, the official added.

As per 2023 Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change report, Karnataka has 40,67,822 Ha of forest land.

On September 11, 2025, during Martyrs' Day observation, Chief Minister Siddarmaiah directed the state forest department officials to increase the green cover in Karnataka from existing 20%.

0"With increasing applications, most carrying foot notes and directions coming from eminent state politicians and ministers to clear the files, it is difficult to increase the forest area. Land for developmental works has to be given and facilities to tribals and forest dwellers also needs to be provided, as per the CM's directions," the official added.

Increasing and maintaining contiguous forest patches has also become difficult as land under compensatory afforestation is offered in non-forest urban areas, where greening is difficult. "Applications are made seeking land in Chikkamagalur and Sharavathy, and compensatory land is being offered in Bidar and Raichur is ironical. Some diversion proposals are also before the Union ministry for clearance," the official pointed.

According to forest department data, over 400 Ha of forest land was diverted for mining 50 years back which were closed down over time. From March 2023 to April 2025, forest department has diverted 32,699.59 Ha of forest land for non-forestry works. On till March 2024 fiscal 807 forest clearances were given and 3,2422.55Ha of forest land was diverted. Till April 15, 2025, 143 projects were approved to divert 277.038Ha of forest land.

MAKING WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Category	Projects sanctioned	Extent of land in hectares
Irrigation	72	2,277.20
Wind & allied	45	2,037.26
Mining & allied	151	10,652.23
Road	85	669.856
Railway	19	528.61
Transmission line	125	1,427.92
Hydel Power & allied	30	5,384.51
Others	410	9,518.5256
Quarrying, allied	13	127.4966

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Odisha on September 27, his sixth trip to the state since the 2024 elections when the BJP snatched power from the BJD. He is scheduled to address a public rally possibly at Chatrapur. Modi is likely to launch several projects

Madras HC upholds ban on pvt land in elephant corridor in Sigur plateau

Orders the state to declare the revenue land located along the corridor as a reserve forest

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

A special bench of the Madras High Court upheld the ruling of a Supreme Court-appointed committee declaring the land purchased by private entities on the elephant corridor of Sigur plateau in the Nilgiris as illegal. The committee's order to dismantle the illegal resorts and constructions raised in violation of planning permission on the corridor has also been upheld by a bench of Justices N Sathish Kumar and D Bharatha Chakravarthy.

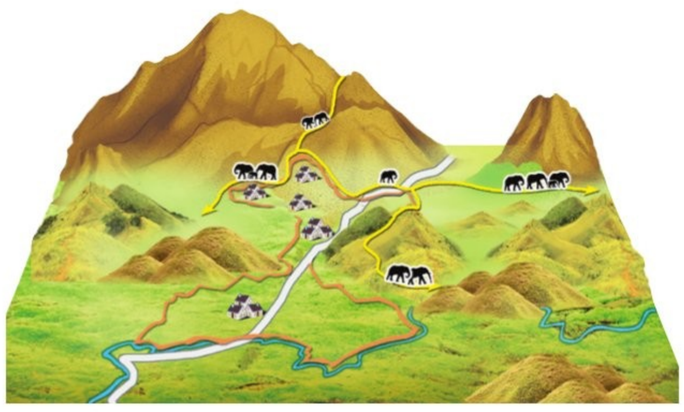
The HC bench, which has been dealing with cases related to forest issues, also ordered the state to declare the revenue land located along the corridor as a reserve forest. The bench passed the orders on a batch of petitions filed by the private resort owners challenging the orders of a three-member inquiry committee appointed in 2020 headed by retired judge K Venkatraman on the title rights of the land owned by the resorts.

As per the Plan of Action report filed by the then district collector of Nilgiris before the Supreme Court a few years ago, there are a total of 821 constructions, including 39 resorts, inside the Sigur elephant corridor. Besides resorts, there are 390 houses, 27 common buildings, nine estates/plantations, 77 cultivation fields, and nine other constructions in the corridor. Of these, 35 resorts were sent demolition notices last year.

Referring to the planning permission obtained from the executive authority in different applications and constructions put up in larger extent of lands for commercial purposes, the bench said, "The committee has found on personal inspection that large-scale commercial activities are rampant and the building permissions have been misused. Resort owners setting up buildings to get permissions under the pretext of residential building and using it for commercial purposes cannot be permitted in the eyes of law."

The bench said commercial activities should be completely stopped in the area for free movement of elephants when the buildings were illegally constructed and used for commercial activities, even if property rights of the parties arise. "Therefore, the order of demolition of the illegal construction, in the view of this court, does not require interference; however, the direction to hand over the possession of the property to the government alone cannot be sustained in the eye of law," the bench said in the order.

It permitted the owners of land along the corridor to use such lands in an eco-friendly manner.



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K'taka forest dept selects 2 sites for jumbo rehabilitation centre

BENGALURU: The Forest Department, which is working to reduce human–elephant conflict, is planning to establish a special elephant soft-release and rehabilitation centre and is looking for a suitable location. The department considered land in the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, but the Centre opposed diverting core tiger habitat. An expert committee headed by elephant specialist R Sukumar has now shortlisted two sites, Muthodi in Chikkamagaluru and Tanigebailu, located in the buffer zone of the Bhadra reserve near Lakkawalli. Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre said that experts and officials find Tanigebailu more suitable. The views of local residents and the district administration will be sought before finalising the site. Sources said access to Muthodi is a concern, while Tanigebailu is better connected and less likely to face clearance hurdles. A final report on both locations will be prepared by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Deputy Conservator of Forests before a decision is taken. Khandre held a video conference with forest division heads to review progress of rail barricade works and said discussions with the Union government on the proposed elephant centre will be held soon. **ENS**

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam chief and actor Vijay greets supporters during a rally, in Tiruchirapalli district, Tamil Nadu, Saturday | MK ASHOK KUMAR

Vijay pans BJP on ONOP, DMK over poll promises

PEARSON LENEKAR SR @Tiruchy

TAMILAGA Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay kick-started his first public campaign ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections in Tiruchy on Saturday. During his campaign speech, he attacked both the BJP and the DMK for "betraying" the people of Tamil Nadu.

Addressing a packed gathering, the actor-turned-politician Vijay said he deliberately chose Tiruchy to begin his campaign, calling it a district with deep political roots. "Former chief minister Annadurai in 1956 decided here to contest elections, MGR held his first party conference here in 1974. Tiruchy is a historic launchpad and known for secularist values," he told supporters.

"The BJP government at the Centre cheats us, while the DMK government here misleads us. Both are engaged in betrayal," he said. Vijay accused the Union government of neglecting Tamil Nadu in disaster relief, suppressing the two-language policy, imposing Hindi and Sanskrit, and conspiring against southern states through delimitation and the 'One Nation, One Election' plan.

He also alleged pressure on archaeologists to alter the Keeladi excavation findings. Vijay launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister M K Stalin, saying most of DMK's 505 poll promises remain unfulfilled. He listed unkept pledges, including getting a ban on NEET, LPG subsidy, monthly cash assistance to all women, cancellation of educational loans, restoration of the old pension scheme, filling of three lakh government vacancies, etc.

Raising local concerns, Vijay flagged long-standing drinking water shortages in Manapparai, Vaiyampatti, and Thottiyam, industrial pollution in Siruganur, and the kidney racket case linked to a DMK legislator's hospital.

Kerala okays law to cull dangerous wild animals

ENS @T'Puram

IN a politically significant move ahead of the upcoming elections, the state cabinet on Saturday approved a draft bill empowering the chief wildlife warden to order immediate killing of any wild animal that enters residential areas and injures a person.

The draft legislation -- Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Bill 2025 -- will be introduced as an amendment to the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, and it is aimed at mitigating incidents of human-wildlife conflict. It's the first time a state government is bringing in an amendment to a central legislation.

Forest Minister A K Saseendran said the bill's provisions will eliminate the cumbersome and time-consuming procedures mandated by existing central laws and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Union government. "This will enable swift action in emergencies without compromising efforts to protect endangered species," the minister said. The draft bill is expected to be scheduled for debate in the state assembly session starting on Monday.

According to the draft bill, when a person suffers serious injury from a wild animal attack, the district collector or chief forest conservator can report the incident to the chief wildlife warden.

Hosur corridor plan gains push in Tamil Nadu

C SHIVAKUMAR @CHENNAI

FOLLOWING Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's announcement of plans to position Hosur as a major industrial and technology hub, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has floated a tender seeking consultants to prepare a comprehensive development plan for the proposed Knowledge Corridor.

Spread over roughly 30 sq km along the Outer Ring Road, Satellite Town Ring Road and key bypass roads, the corridor is intended to replicate the success of Chennai's Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) as a hub for IT services, research and education. TIDCO, designated as the nodal agency, aims to attract global capability centres, R&D facilities, IT/ITES companies, start-ups, educational institutions and healthcare providers to the Hosur region.

The corridor will feature mixed-use development supported by world-class infrastructure, digital connectivity and modern urban amenities. This project is expected to significantly enhance TN's leadership in industrial and knowledge-based growth, while accelerating the socioeconomic transformation of the Hosur region and surrounding areas.

The consultant will prepare a 30-year vision document outlining the strategic direction, branding and growth sectors for the project, along with a master plan for land use. This will include stakeholder consultations, identification of priority sectors such as biotech, fintech and education, and a phased implementation strategy with investment requirements and preliminary designs.

SKINCARE NEEDS

Sugar Cosmetics and Myntra launch Gen-Z focused brand

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THE e-lifestyle market in India is steadily growing, with nearly 175 million shoppers. However, beauty purchases still make up only 16% of all transactions, and per capita consumption of beauty products remains low compared to other countries. Tapping into this opportunity and targeting Gen-Z consumers who prioritise beauty and convenience, Sugar Cosmetics and Myntra have launched a new brand: Molten Beauty.

Myntra CEO Nandita Sinha explained, "Gen-Z doesn't like labels, so we've created products that go beyond conventional skincare and makeup. It's beauty that is breathable, weightless and melts into your skin." She added that Myntra's reach, technology and customer understanding formed the foundation of this partnership.

Vineeta Singh, founder of Sugar Cosmetics, said the goal was to create a 'skin-first' brand that combines care and colour into a hybrid formula. "These products feel like your second skin, not like you're wearing makeup. Beauty has become a burden with long routines — Gen-Z doesn't have time for that. The idea is minimal effort, maximum payoff," she said.

Developed over the last 12-15 months in Sugar's R&D labs, all Molten Beauty products were tested on individuals under 30. Test results will be published alongside product listings, with the list of full ingredients and transparency.

The range is affordably priced between Rs 250 and Rs 400, and includes products like the aquagel moisturiser acne cream, lip and cheek tinge, and sunscreen.

Addressing common pain points, Vineeta noted, "One barrier to sunscreen use is that it feels heavy. We've developed a lightweight formula that's packed with powerful actives." She also spoke about the issue of post-workout acne. "Sweat clogs pores, leading to breakouts. So we created calming toners with hypochlorous acid, an antibacterial spray ideal for use after workouts," she added.

Looking ahead, Nandita said, "We aim to build products that fill white spaces in the market. As we grow, we'll expand the range."

With online beauty consumption in India rising from $9 to $14-15 per individual, she added, "We've always been about democratising lifestyle through technology. With over 25 million Gen-Z shoppers and a 75 million monthly user base, we see a strong opportunity to scale."

Molten Beauty products will be available on Myntra and the Molten Beauty website.

Hassan crash toll now 10, kin seek ₹50L relief

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Bantarahalli

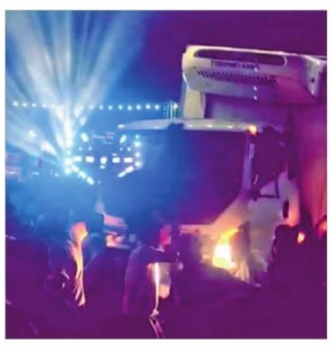
THE death toll in the Mosalehosahalli accident, which occurred during the Ganesha idol procession, rose to 10 on Saturday. The incident happened after the truck ran over them while dancing during the procession on Bilikere- Belur National Highway 373 in Mosalehosahalli.

The deceased include Suresh M R (23), Praveen Kumar K (21), and Mithun (23), all students of Mosalehosahalli Government Engineering College, with Suresh and Mithun in their final year of BE. Praveen (27), a mechanic from Kabbinahalli in Holenarasipur taluk, came from a very poor background and is survived by his mother and a daughter. Chandan [26] of Shivaiahnakoppalu in Holenarasipur taluk succumbed to injuries on Saturday. Gokul (17), a student from Muttigehirihalli in the same taluk, was pursuing his PU and had scored a 98% in his SSLC exams. Eshwar (16), a first-year PUC student from Danayakanahalli, and Rajesh (18), a first-year BA student from Vaddarahalli and the son of a small farmer, also lost their lives. Kumar (35) and Prabhakar (55), both farmers from Kabbinahalli and Bantarahalli, respectively, were among the victims as well.

The Deputy Commissioner KS Latha Kumari, SP Mohamed Sujeeta and the hospital staff had faced a hardship following a huge crowd gathered at the premises of HIMS hospital.

Nine dead bodies were transported to their native places after conducting the postmortem following the direction of the district in-charge minister Krishnabyregowda. Police said that the driver lost control and might have pressed the accelerator instead of applying the brakes. Dhanaraj, the Sub Inspector of Gorur police station and five police constables had a narrow escape.

The villagers and the kin of the deceased slammed the state government for the meagre compensation. The villagers demanded that the government should release a minimum compensation of Rs 50 lakh. The group of villagers also alleged that the state government discriminated against farmers' families. It may be remembered that former minister HD Revanna and MLC Suraj Revanna, who demanded more compensation, have blamed the police for the tragedy.



Former prime minister HD Devegowda meets the kin of the victims in Hassan on Saturday | EXPRESS

BYRE GOWDA DISMISSES POLICE LAPSES IN PROCESSION TRAGEDY

Hassan: Hassan district in-charge minister Krishna Byre Gowda said on Saturday that we will put sincere efforts to enhance the compensation for the family of the deceased of the Mosalehosahalli road accident after discussing the matter with CM Siddaramaiah soon. Speaking to the reports after visiting the families of the deceased and injured at Hassan Institute of Medical Science (HIMS), the state government will consider the incident on humanitarian grounds and put sincere efforts to protect the family of the deceased. Brushing aside alleged lapses of the police in the accident, KBG, who is also the revenue minister, said the district administration made elaborate measures during the procession in Mosalehosahalli. The blood samples of Bhuvanesh, the driver of the truck, were sent to the laboratory for examination following an alleged alcohol influence. He asked the deputy commissioner to take steps to install the road hump at the accident spot to avoid accidents in the future. The minister also handed the cheque of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of the deceased on the occasion. **ENS**

Gowda wants aid enhanced, CM rules it out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hassan

WHILE former prime minister Rajya Sabha member HD Deve Gowda said that Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** should increase the compensation to Rs 10 Lakh for the family of each of the deceased on humanitarian grounds, the latter ruled out any such proposal.

Gowda said the accident could have been averted if the police had put the barricades on either side of the road.

The Chief Minister said that government has paid Rs 5 lakh compensation to the vitim and ruled out the deamnd for an increase in compensation.

Meanwhile, Gowda said that he decided to visit Mosalehosahalli village, the village where the accident occurred, despite his ill health as his mother was brought up there.

The Janata Dal (Secular) supremo also informed that the party has decided to give Rs 25,000 for seriously injured people, Rs 20,000 for majorly injured, and Rs 15,000 for minorly injured.

Speaking to media persons in Mysuru, Siddaramaiah said that the BJP in the past has not paid high compensation and is now pressing for Rs 10 lakh relief. The CM said it is the responsibility of the government to pay compensation whenever tragedies occur and console the kin of the affected families.

'Stadium had not complied with fire safety regulations'

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KARNATAKA State Pollution Control Board has learnt that a large number of diesel generators are being used at the stadium, after meeting a part of its power demand from a large array of solar panels. "We are checking air and noise pollution levels from these generators and collating data," said a KSPCB official, not wanting to be named.

Bescom Managing Director N Shiva Shankara, said, "Power supply to the stadium was cut on the request of the Fire Department. The stadium management had requested us to restore power supply, but we have not done it. They had also approached the court, but permission was not given. They are using solar power and diesel generators. Power supply will be restored when we get government or court orders."

The Fire Department, in its directions to Bescom, had stated that the stadium management had not complied with fire safety regulations and did not have a no-objection certificate. One of the issues raised by the fire department was that the entry and exit of the stadium does not have sufficient space fire tenders. These mandates are a must for a space that accommodates large gatherings, it stated.

The stadium generates 400kW of solar power and uses another 60,000 units from the Bescom grid. While fire department officials were not available for comment, the stadium has no management to take decisions. Stadium staffers said they are not aware of any air or noise pollution violations and are using generators and solar power to meet their daily demand.

Out of 731, 166 were winning tickets: Report

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OUT of 731 tickets, 166 were winning tickets, amounting to Rs 2.34 lakh, the report stated.

Sources said it also highlighted that liquor amounting to Rs 19 lakh was shown as consumption for meetings, but no records were maintained for issue/receipt/consumption of such stock. It also mentions potential excess transportation cost. As per the note of the firm that supplied liquor, they charged 2% commission on liquor purchases. The 2% commission on total liquor purchase was Rs 3.46 lakh, but the firm was paid Rs 5.24 lakh, the report stated.

The report stated that gate tickets worth Rs 19.77 lakh (39,437 tickets) appeared twice in the sales workings. Tickets were issued random serial numbers with no adherence.

Medicines were allegedly bought often from a single vendor and in many cases, quotations were obtained from the same supplier, with no negotiation, the report stated.

The report also mentioned issues related to the bookmakers' fee. No signature or approval was maintained for the weekly rosters, although a biometric system is installed in the premises, the same is not utilized to track the bookmakers' attendance.

OPINION

Good books tell the truth, even when they're about things that never have been and never will be. They're truthful in a different way

Stanislaw Lem

POOR RICH G7 AND THEIR THIRD WORLD TROUBLES

THE THIRD EYE

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EVENTS illustrate the consequences of inaction rather eloquently—be it in the socio-political arena, or in the political economy that informs the social geography of nations.

The rise of angst after Charlie Kirk's murder symbolises the impotence of haplessness. The data is stark. Every hour, two lives are lost in the US to wilful and malicious gun violence—one every 11 minutes, if one includes all shootings. The toll exceeds 10,411 for the 250 days of 2025. Gun violence has claimed over 160,000 lives between 2015 and 2024. Verily the second amendment to the US Constitution, often deemed to guard rights, is overwhelming the first amendment.

Ideally, the data should compel introspection and propel action. But as Immanuel Kant observed, the moral construct of 'ought to' is a synthetic proposition; and the expectation of 'ought to' does not imply that politicos or the state can or will. Not even in the oldest democracy, which is a superpower and the world's largest economy at $30 trillion. 'Ought to' is a politically expedient construct. Poor rich G7 countries are haunted by their version of third world troubles.

The phenomenon is vividly illustrated by headlines across advanced economies that appear more like emerging markets. On Tuesday, Kemi Badenoch, leader of the opposition in the UK, observed that Britain may have to go "cap in hand to the IMF for a bailout", as it did in 1976 following the sterling crisis. The headline-grabbing observation brought back memories of the lettuce moment from the Liz Truss budget.

The UK economy, which saw zero growth in July, is forecast to grow at 1.2 percent through the year. It borrows around $540 million a day. Inflation, at 3.8 percent, makes borrowing costlier; the deficit is 4.8 percent of GDP and debt is growing faster (net financial liabilities of the public sector are around $5.2 trillion over 130 percent of GDP). Chancellor Rachel Reeves must find money to fill the hole in the bucket. Among the ideas on the board is a tax on property ownership!

On Wednesday, France got its fifth prime minister in two years—the seventh in Emmanuel Macron's presidency. The rapid exits via revolving doors are fuelled by the state of the economy. The exit of François Bayrou was triggered by an attempt to cut $52 billion in debt amid protests titled 'Block everything'. The rationale for austerity was the rise in debt to over $3.8 trillion, of which over 54 percent is held by foreigners. France, it is estimated, borrows over $510 million a day, has a fiscal deficit of 5.8 percent, and a debt-to-GDP ratio that's expected to touch 121 percent soon. GDP growth is tepid at 0.6 percent.

On Friday, Fitch Ratings downgraded France to A+ from AA-. The fallout of politics on the economy underlined the rating action. Fitch stated that the fall of governments "illustrates the increased fragmentation and polarisation of domestic politics". The review cited lower economic growth and sustained increase in government debt, and that chances of improvement are daunted by "the run-up to the presidential election in 2027". France has a tax-to-GDP ratio of 45.6 percent—the highest in Europe—and this limits its ability to tax its way out of the crisis.

France and the UK represent a larger malaise of falling growth and growing debt afflicting the G7 economies. Take the European Union as an entity. On Thursday, the European Central Bank held rates and forecast inflation would hover at around 2.1 per cent, while GDP growth for the Eurozone would be under 1.2 percent for the current year and 1.0 percent for 2026. The EU must now fund its own defence, and much of what the Draghi Report diagnosed as an 'existential challenge' is playing out.

The economy across the Atlantic in the US is, prima facie, faring better than its G7 peers in terms of growth and worse in terms of deficit and debt, resulting in a downgrade by Moody's. GDP is set to grow at 1.9 percent as per the IMF, and as per the US Federal Open Market Committee at 1.6 percent. Retail inflation is up at 2.9 percent—thanks to uncertainty and tariff tantrums—and forecasters expect it to stay above the 2 percent target and top out at 3.2 percent by the end of 2025.

The dollar is down 11 percent this year—the biggest drop in 50 years. Central banks are weaning off dollar addiction and punting on gold. The US government debt is $37.4 trillion, deficit $1.9 trillion—it borrows around $5.2 billion a day, of which $2.9 billion goes towards interest payments. Unemployment is inching up to 4.4 percent amid a political pushback on immigration, and the number of unemployed new entrants is over 780,000.

A combination of factors has rendered the G7 countries into high-cost, low-growth economies—GDP growth for five of the economies is forecast at sub-1 percent and six have debt-GDP ratios exceeding 100 percent. This has propelled a binary discourse and protests. Even though theory underlines labour output and consumption as critical for sustaining economic growth, ageing societies across Europe and the US are raging against migration.

The circumstance calls for a new template for global collaboration; yet, isolationism is the new cornerstone. As the confluence of ageing and expansion of artificial intelligence-enabled technology retrenches jobs, the cost of mitigating pain could render the spectre more challenging. And that may worsen social schisms. We are, to paraphrase the Chinese adage, living in interesting times.

NEPAL'S SEARCH FOR IDEOLOGICAL IDENTITY

POWER & POLITICS

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NEPAL'S rulers have learned a harsh lesson. Power is fleeting when promises are broken and public trust squandered. A furious tide of young Nepalis, armed with the amplifying force of social media, has toppled yet another government, forcing Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to resign and flee amid violent protests. Fed up with corruption, nepotism, and a political elite that hoards wealth while the nation's economy crumbles, these tech-savvy youths have exposed the fragility of unchecked power.

In a country battered by political instability and economic paralysis for the past 16 years, the message is clear: leaders who betray the public risk being dethroned by the very voices they ignore. Violence becomes the ultimate voice for change. They replaced an elected government with a better, credible alternative: Sushila Karki, a former chief justice with a clean record was sworn in as the first woman interim prime minister.

This is not a revolution with a clear purpose or a unified vision for the future. It is a raw, leaderless explosion of anger, a cry from a people tired of being betrayed by their leaders. The nation's ruling coalition crumbled under this pressure, with Oli himself not only resigning but reportedly fleeing to an unknown destination. The scenes were apocalyptic. Ministers were attacked and government buildings set ablaze. This unrest reflected a deeper malaise, a profound disillusionment with a political system that has seen 14 governments in 16 years, each more ineffective than the previous one. Nepal has been struggling to define itself after abandoning its monarchical past for a secular and socialist republic in 2008.

The roots of Nepal's crisis lie in its turbulent political history. The nation's transition from monarchy to republic was marked by bloodshed and betrayal. In 2001, the royal family was massacred in a shocking incident that saw Crown Prince Dipendra kill his own family. The tragedy plunged Nepal into a constitutional crisis, paving the way for King Gyanendra Shah to ascend the throne. His rule, however, was marred by his inability to quell the Maoist insurgency that had gripped the country since the 1990s, claiming over 16,000 lives. In 2005, Gyanendra's decision to dissolve parliament and assume absolute power sparked widespread protests. It culminated in the 2006 people's movement that forced him to relinquish control.

By 2008, the monarchy was abolished and Nepal declared itself a secular, socialist republic under the leadership of Maoist leader Pushpa Kamal Dahal, also known as Prachanda. The promise of a new era of stability and progress was intoxicating, but it proved illusory. Since 2008, no government has completed a full term, with coalitions collapsing under the weight of internal rivalries, corruption, and opportunist alliances.

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The current crisis is fallout of these failures, as the youth, dubbed 'Gen Z protesters', took to the streets to demand accountability. The protests began with a seemingly innocuous trigger: a government ban on social media platforms like Facebook, X, and YouTube, ostensibly to curb dissent.

The constant power struggles and lack of a cohesive agenda have paralysed governance, leaving Nepal vulnerable to external influences. More troubling are allegations of interference by China and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, both of which have strategic interests in countering India's influence in Nepal. China's Belt and Road Initiative has poured billions into Nepalese infrastructure, while Pakistan's ISI is believed to exploit Nepal's porous borders to create security challenges for India.

Economically, Nepal is in dire straits. The country's GDP growth, projected at a meagre 3.3 percent for 2025, is among the lowest in South Asia, trailing India's 7 percent and Bangladesh's 5.5 percent. Per capita income stands at a paltry $1,400, compared to $2,700 in India and $2,500 in Bangladesh, making Nepal one of the poorest nations in the region. Unemployment, particularly among the youth, remains at a staggering 19.2 percent. The contrast between the opulent lifestyles of politicians and the grinding poverty of the masses has become a rallying cry for the protesters, who see corruption and nepotism as the root of their suffering.

The unrest in Nepal bears eerie similarities to recent upheavals in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, where economic crises and public discontent toppled governments. In Sri Lanka, the 2022 economic collapse led to mass protests and the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, while in Bangladesh student-led protests in 2024 forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee. In both cases, allegations of foreign interference and attempts to install military-backed regimes surfaced, raising fears that Nepal could follow a similar path.

The absence of a democratically elected leader or alternative governance model in Nepal's current protests heightens the risk of a prolonged chaos. Amid this turmoil, a surprising development has emerged: a growing demand for the restoration of the monarchy and a return to Nepal's identity as a Hindu Rashtra. Pro-monarchy protests, led by supporters of former King Gyanendra gained traction when thousands turned up in Kathmandu on March 9 to welcome him back from Pokhara. These demonstrations reflected nostalgia for the stability and cultural cohesion that the monarchy once represented. The concept of a Hindu Rashtra resonates with a section of Nepalese, who see the secular republic as having eroded their cultural heritage.

However, the crisis in Nepal poses serious security implications for India. A destabilised Nepal could become a haven for anti-India activities, including cross-border terrorism and smuggling, threatening the security of India's northern states. The prospect of Nepal slipping into anarchy or falling under a military regime, as seen in Bangladesh and attempted in Sri Lanka, is a nightmare scenario for New Delhi. The first step is to provide massive financial support to stabilise Nepal's economy, focusing on job creation, infrastructure development, and debt relief. India's expertise in technology and renewable energy could help modernise Nepal's crumbling infrastructure, while targeted investments in education and skills training could address the youth unemployment crisis.

Diplomatically, India should engage with all stakeholders including political parties, civil society, and even pro-monarchy groups. Its objective should be to foster a national dialogue aimed at restoring stability. This could include supporting a national unity government that prioritizes governance over political infighting. Cultural diplomacy, emphasising the shared Hindu-Buddhist heritage, could rebuild trust between the two nations.

Nepal stands at a crossroads, with the potential to either forge a new path toward stability or descend into anarchy. By offering financial, technological, and diplomatic support, India can help Nepal emerge from this crisis stronger and more resilient. The alternative, a failed state on India's doorstep, would have catastrophic consequences for both nations. United by history and culture, India and Nepal must work together to fight external threats and rebuild a nation that has lost its way.

The time for action is now, before the flames of unrest consume the Himalayan republic's entire political ecosystem. The glacier of democracy is melting and there is no guarantee that the subcontinent will drown in chaos. The only peacekeeper remains India, the guardian of popular will across the peninsula and beyond.

GETTING THE FIVE ELEMENTS RIGHT

OPINION

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VISUALS of floods, landslides, broken bridges, traffic jams, floating cars, garbage piles dominate my screens as I sit down to write this column. As the disaster mode settles, we will again go back to language wars, caste debates and regional pride. We will let our political leadership dictate our debates—each faction working on proving the other more corrupt. What we forget is that all elected leaders are sent there to work for us—at least that's the promise.

We need to hold our public representatives, the bureaucratic structure that reports to them, and ourselves responsible for cleaning our pancha tattvas—the five basic elements that decide the basic quality of our life. No matter what our economic and social status is, irrespective of how much tax we pay or subsidy we receive, these five elements impact us equally as humans.

Let's begin with *prithvi* or earth, which we proudly call our mother. This earth is being poisoned with chemicals poured to get the most out of it. Our forests are being cut and converted into concrete jungles. If earth and forests are not healthy, there is no way we can get food that would nurture us. A polluted earth can only give us polluted food. I am not even talking about the chemicals in our processed food, fruits, and vegetables to prolong their shelf life. Can we demand food safety bodies to work on war footing to ensure healthy food? Clean and healthy earth is our fundamental right.

The next element is *jala* or water, the basis of life. Till 2-3 decades back, we could drink water at every railway station across the country without getting sick. Today, we need to filter water using multiple technologies in our own homes. Plastic water bottles are the biggest source of garbage, followed by aluminium packaging. Our rivers are polluted, and no cleaning project has shown much impact. The sacredness of our rivers once maintained their cleanliness, but now industrial, human and tourism waste are playing havoc. Civilisations were built on the banks of rivers that provided water for consumption, but today there is hardly any city that has a clean river flowing past it. All of them look like abandoned streams that overflow in monsoons. We must demand clean water and yes, it would mean closure or at least downsizing of the bottled water, filtering and tanker industries.

Agni or fire is the third tattva. In the external world, this is affecting us through global warming that we are contributing to, through excessive use of heating and cooling equipment—be it the air conditioners we use even in winter, or by excessively using servers

We can look at the quality of life through the panch tattvas. It holds up a mirror to our own habits that harm the five elements and reminds us of our rights to ask for improvement

hosting our data. In our internal world, it is our *jatharagni* or digestive fire that has gone haywire with all the processed food, leading to so many lifestyle diseases. Can our architecture go back to being weather-sensitive, the one that does not block the sun completely? Can we consciously eat simple and fresh food?

The fourth tattva—*vayu* or air—is now reported in terms of air quality indices. In many of our large cities, it crosses the limits of measuring at least once a year. The average AQI is rarely in a healthy zone, except when it rains. Vehicular pollution is one of the biggest contributors, but this is magnified when vehicles are stuck in traffic for hours together. Does the lack of public transport not add to this? Does absence of walking spaces not lead to more use of vehicles? Should we not demand cleaner air to breathe? At our end, we must realise that every time we order a loaf of bread, we are contributing to vehicular pollution as each delivery is a trip.

Finally, *akasha* or the space around us. Our streets are full of garbage. Yes, on the face of it, it is the failure of municipal authorities, but we also need to think before we discard five layers of wrappers to eat our two cookies. It is also our failure to hold authorities responsible in an engaging way. Our roads get washed away in a few hours of rains—why are the people constructing not being held responsible? Our public spaces are shrinking, making way for vehicles that need to be parked. Can we reclaim our public spaces?

Till we work on improving these five basic elements, none of us will live better. The rich and powerful breathe the same air, drink the same water and navigate the same broken streets. This is one fight that should bind us all irrespective of religion, region, caste, or language—for our collective health and happiness. Once these basics are in place, we can debate our differences.

QUOTE CORNER

We have reached a pivotal moment. There must be a response from the entire region to such barbaric actions. This attack we can only describe as state terrorism. It is a message to the entire region: that there is a rogue player. Does the world need a clearer image of who is the bully in the region?

Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Qatar's prime minister, after Israel's missile attack on a few locations in Doha

There's a lot less shelling in Kyiv when Kellogg is here. He's better than an air defence system.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, on meeting with Trump's envoy Keith Kellogg

This reminded us of *Singham*. The tagline is from this story only.

Justice Sandeep Mehta of the Supreme Court while hearing a case about a political rivalry leading to a dramatic shootout inside the Ulhasnagar station in Mumbai

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Nepal's nihilism

Ref: *Gen Z pick Sushila Karki sworn in as interim PM* (Sep 13). The upheaval in Nepal was born of frustration with chronic political dysfunction and cannot be dismissed as a mere reaction to a single-day crackdown. The Gen Z protests reflect decades of political instability, broken promises, and economic neglect. Bangladesh's recent turmoil offers another cautionary example. The alternative—allowing violent nihilism to masquerade as democratic renewal—risks destroying the very foundations on which any Naya Nepal must be built.

Kyamudin Ansari, Mumbai

Long-term gain

Ref: *Turning Trump's taints into opportunity* (Sep 13). The writer has brought out very well the restrained and calibrated, but firm, stand of India against the rants of the US president and his acolytes, who have forgotten that the days of US bullying are gone. Though India may lose in the near future, it will develop itself in the long run.

Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

Tech utopia

Ref: *Feasibility tests for Bengaluru satellites* (Sep 13). Ambitious plans for Bengaluru's satellite cities promise jobs and innovation, but can they withstand reality checks? Massive investments, land acquisition, and infrastructure needs raise questions. With strained budgets and worsening water issues, are we building a tech utopia on shaky ground? Vision is vital, but so is sustainability. Bengaluru's future deserves more than gloss.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Chhokar's contribution

Ref: *Relentless reformer who made democracy accountable* (Sep 13). Prof Jagdeep S Chhokar, co-founder of the Association for Democratic Reforms, made an imprint in bringing transparency and accountability in Indian democracy. His fight on the right to know electoral rolls is noteworthy. ADR's data is now the gold standard to study the state of Indian democracy as well as the shift from blind allegiance to evidence-based voting.

H Syed Othuman, Tirunelveli

Two-state solution

Ref: *A Palestine state without Hamas gets UNGA backing* (Sep 13). It is at least gratifying that the UN General Assembly backed a resolution for a Palestine state without the involvement of Hamas. The US opposing the resolution was disappointing, but not at all surprising. The voting once again proved that Uncle Sam cannot be considered an honest broker in the two-state solution.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Aircraft checks

Ref: *Major scare as plane loses rear wheel, lands safely* (Sep 13). The incident of a SpiceJet aircraft with 75 passengers aboard making an emergency landing in Mumbai after having lost a wheel is coming to public notice only because a passenger took a video that shocked viewers. Regular maintenance and constant check of aircraft must be done more dedicatedly before takeoff.

K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai

Post picks

Ref: *Kerala academics ask CJI to review VC search committees* (Sep 12). It's not proper to appoint non-academics as vice-chancellors. Now the government has appointed a bureaucrat as the acting chairperson of UGC. Such posts should be reserved only for faculty members who have been a full-time member for at least seven years. IAS officers should not be appointed temporarily or permanently at any cost.

Sunil Pedgaonkar, Solapur

Roadside reflector

Ref: *Reflective tapes on all vehicles must in Telangana* (Sep 13). While the insistence on making it an inviolable obligation for vehicle owners and manufacturers is welcome, what about the accountability of the government in maintaining roadsides and medians with effective reflectors?

U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
I extend my best wishes to the Right Honourable Mrs. Sushila Karki on her assumption of office as the Prime Minister of the Interim Government of Nepal.

K C Venugopal @kcvenugopalmp
PM Modi's Manipur visit today is a display of how sorely lacking in empathy and compassion a leader can be. Manipur is burning since 2023, and he found time to pay a visit today.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
So the question arises—why does the Gandhi family always have a problem with India's growing power and self-reliance?

Facing bad weather, PM takes the road from Imphal to Kuki heartland Churachandpur; no politicians on the dais

MODI GOES EXTRA MILES IN MANIPUR

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Imphal

WHEN a rainy day struck Manipur on Saturday, the odds were that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may not make it to Kuki heartland Churachandpur, but he did an Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Modi, perhaps, unwittingly did what Vajpayee had resorted to on a rainy October afternoon in 2003 in Nagaland. When Vajpayee's helicopter could not take off from Nagaland's commercial hub Dimapur to the state capital Kohima due to inclement weather, he took the bumpy ride to Kohima by highway.

Ditto. Modi faced bad weather and took the road from Imphal to Churachandpur, located about 60 km from the Imphal airport, in southern Manipur. Vajpayee had travelled a little more – 75 km.

"We thought he may not come now that the weather was bad," said Daniel Haokip, a Churachandpur resident who was in the audience. It is nearly after four decades that a PM visited Churachandpur. The excitement among the locals was palpable.

As he arrived, hundreds of people stood by the roadside with the Indian tri-colour to welcome him. "Modiji," shouted a bystander while children were almost hysterical, shouting the PM's name.

The festooning that was arranged and a new slick road remade from the helipad to the Peace Ground in Churachandpur did not have much use then. As Modi made his way to the secure stage decked up for him and state governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, the attendance surprised many. In Imphal too, two were seated on the dais. No politicians.

A school boy presented Modi with a straw hat with feathers on it that the PM donned as he chatted with the kids. A girl presented him another gift, but the namastes from the children seemed more heartwarming – Northeast's tribals usually shake hands in greetings.

Modi took the same road back to Imphal and during the speech, he expressed how overwhelmed he was with the reception on the way.

People who went to listen to him had a harrowing time in navigating the muddy and slippery stretch inside the Kangla Fort.

Despite protests from opposition parties and a woman's group, the atmosphere at the Kangla Fort was one of anticipation and earnestness. After the PM left, the members of the women's group took out a protest march but were stopped by security personnel.

PM Narendra Modi on his way to Churachandpur despite heavy rains | EXPRESS

PM's day out in Manipur

1 On the streets, many enthusiasts furiously clicked on their mobile phones to capture the occasion, while others stood waving placards and banners with slogans in praise of the PM. They greeted him with cheers and national flags. Modi waved at the people and accepted their greetings with folded hands from inside his vehicle.

2 PM said his government was committed to "healing wounds, restoring confidence, and ensuring no family is left behind", while addressing a public meeting in Imphal's Kangla Fort. "Manipur is the 'ratna' adorning the crown of 'mother India'. Any form of violence here is condemnable... Together, we must take Manipur forward on the path of peace and development," he said.

3 Modi listened to the concerns of the families of internally displaced persons (IDPs) at the historic Kangla Fort complex in Imphal and Peace Ground in Churachandpur, and assured them of the Centre's commitment to restore peace and normalcy in the state, they said."A short while ago, I met the affected people at a relief camp. After meeting them, I can say with confidence that a new dawn of hope and trust is rising in Manipur," Modi said in Churachandpur.

Oppn lashes out 'tokenism', calls PM visit a 'farce'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

TERMING Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur a 'belated farce', the Opposition parties, including Congress, CPM, TMC and National Conference (NC) on Saturday alleged that the trip is a grave insult to the people of the state.

Accusing the PM of organising a grand welcome ceremony for himself, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that it "is a cruel prick" to the wounds of those still suffering.

"Narendra Modi ji, your 3-hour pit stop in Manipur is not compassion -- it's farce, tokenism, and a grave insult to wounded people. Your so-called roadshow in Imphal and Churachandpur today, is nothing but a cowardly escape from hearing the cries of people in relief camps!" Kharge said in a post on X.

"864 days of violence:-- 300 lives lost, 67,000 displaced, 1,500 plus injured. You have made 46 foreign trips since, but not a single visit to share two words of sympathy with your own citizens," Kharge said.

"Your last visit to Manipur? January 2022 for elections! Your 'Double Engine' has bulldozed the innocent lives of Manipur. You and Home Minister Amit Shah's gross incompetence and complicity in betraying all communities was shielded from scrutiny, by imposing President's Rule in the state. Violence still continues," he said.

Speaking with reporters in Wayanad, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also hit out at the PM and said he should have visited the state long before."I am glad that he has decided, after two years, that it is worth visiting Manipur. He should have gone long before. It is very unfortunate that he has allowed what is happening there to continue for so long...," she said.

Congress general secretary K C Venugopal also lashed out at the Prime Minister's visit, calling it a "belated, face-saving farce".

Meanwhile, CPM MP John Brittas said, "The Opposition parties, have always been saying, 'Let the PM lead a delegation of all the parties to Manipur so that we can bring back that state into peace and tranquility..." The TMC, in a post on X said India cannot afford a Prime Minister who remembers its states, only when they lie in ruins.

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said, "It's a good thing that there has been a lot of commentary on PM Modi avoiding travelling to that part of our country. Better late than never."

HOW STATE CAME UNDER SIEGE

April 20, 2023: Manipur High Court directs the state government to consider inclusion of Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribe list

April 28, 2023: Section 144 imposed in several districts and internet services suspended for five days following clashes between security forces and protestors

May 3, 2023: Ethnic violence breaks out between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities after a Tribal Solidarity March to protest the HC directive, eventually leaving more than 250 people dead and 62,000 others displaced

May 5, 2023: Centre invokes Article 355 and takes over state security machinery

July 19, 2023: A video, circulated on social media, shows two Kuki women who were paraded naked and one of them allegedly gang-raped by a mob

December 31, 2024: Manipur CM N Biren Singh apologises for the loss of hundreds of lives during the violence

February 9, 2025: Biren Singh resigns as the Chief Minister

February 13, 2025: Centre imposes President's Rule in the state

Kuki-Zo Council seeks 'separate administration' through UT status

Kuki-Zo Council submitted a memorandum to the PM, reiterating their demand for a "separate administration" through UT status with a legislature under Article 239A. "This demand arises not from convenience, but from necessity—for peace, security, and survival of our people," the memorandum stated, citing the ethnic violence and loss of trust in valley-based political dominance.

17 projects worth ₹8.5K cr unveiled during state visit

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Imphal

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated 17 projects, worth ₹1,203 crore, from Manipur capital Imphal and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects, worth more than ₹7,344 crore, at Churachandpur.

Modi inaugurated the civil secretariat (₹538 cr), and the new headquarters of Manipur Police (₹101 cr) in Imphal's Mantripukhri. He inaugurated four "Ima" (mothers) markets at Tengnoupal, Noney, Pallel and Moirang (₹24 cr); and Manipur Bhavans in Delhi and Kolkata costing ₹164 and ₹42 cr respectively.

The PM also inaugurated the development of Leishang Hiden Cultural and Heritage Park in Imphal West district (₹13 cr), a four-lane bridge over Irang river on Imphal-Jiribam NH-38 at Noney district (₹49 cr), along with the development of the western front of Imphal river phase-II (₹56 cr), Mall Road phase-II (₹24 cr), infrastructure development of five government colleges in three districts (₹13 cr).

The other projects he inaugurated were IT-SEZ Building-I at Mantripukhri (₹114 cr), infrastructure for district administration at Kamjong district, Kakching district (₹15 cr, ₹12 cr each), Eklavya Model Residential School at Tokpa village, Loktak Project, Churachandpur district (₹16 cr), construction of institutional building at Ningthoukhong CHC, Bishnupur, Saikot CHC, Churachandpur (₹7 cr each) and construction of hostel at JNIMS, Imphal (₹6 cr).

The PM also laid the foundation stone for 14 projects. Two key projects are Manipur Urban Roads, drainage and asset management improvement Project (₹3,647 cr), and Manipur Infotech Development (MIND) Project (₹550 cr).

Some others are Working Women Hostels at 9 locations (₹142 cr), providing super speciality and assured speciality healthcare in remote and hill districts (₹105 cr), infrastructure development in and around the Polo Ground (₹30 cr), strengthening of 120 High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in all 16 districts (₹134 cr) among others.

Mizoram gets rail connect for the first time

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

INDIGENOUS fruits and spices of Mizoram are set to receive a major boost with the inauguration of the region's first rail connectivity on Saturday by PM Narendra Modi. Spices such as turmeric, black pepper, and ginger, along with fruits like passion fruit (locally known as Sapthei), pineapples, mandarin oranges, and papayas, will now gain access to wider markets across the country due to faster transportation by train.

PM Modi on Saturday connected Mizoram's capital with rail connectivity through the Bairabi-Sairang line. The railway has connected 45 tunnels and 55 major bridges to facilitate train services.

"Mizoram's Sapthei fruit, which is highly rich in vitamins, is more in demand across the country after Hatkora—a semi-wild, native citrus variety which carries medicinal and nutritional properties. The train connectivity is a boon for cultivators of these fruits in Mizoram," said a railway official.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday assured the people that rail connectivity would benefit the region and create more job opportunities. "We are starting cargo operations in a week that will help in fast transportation of goods and other things. As result of this service, cost of cement and steel will reduce as the train will transport these in hours," Vaishnaw said.

ANUPARNA ROY

THE QUIET REBEL WHO IS AGAINST MEDIOCRITY

SHARMISTHA GHOSAL

SOURAV ROY

ANUPARNA Roy is arguably one of the best things to happen to India, and more specifically, West Bengal. For people scarred by a plethora of scams and gradually drowning in cynicism, this slender woman takes to the podium of the oldest film festival in the world and wins the award, becoming only the second woman in the country to be crowned on such a platform. In a trembling voice, she expresses her indebtedness to the villages and soil of her beleaguered state.

Roy has been a quiet rebel — standing against mediocrity. She rose from a very humble background with no touch of elitism in her family, education, job or patronage. Raised in one of the chronically underdeveloped districts of West Bengal, Roy attended an obscure college, far from dwindling institutions of excellence in the state. Like thousands of others who leave Bengal in search of a career, she too moved to Mumbai to pursue her dreams.

A person who excels on a global platform solely through their own merit, without the relying on family connections, earns respect in every society. This is specially true in West Bengal, which has not produced too many such faces in recent times. Anuparna Roy is, in short, is a symbol of a theme that Bengalis have romanticised over the decades: struggle for existence. Anuparna is just past 30 years old.

In her success, she follows giants. The first Indian to win an award at Venice was Satyajit Ray (Golden Lion for Aparajito in 1957). Her other four inspirations are Buddhadeb Dasgupta (special director award for Uttara in 2000), Mira Nair (Golden Lion for Monsoon Wedding in 2001) and Chaitanya Tamhane (Orizzonti Best Film for Court in 2014). However, the road ahead does not seem to be smooth for her.

The weight of expectations in formidable. It is not uncommon for artists and sportspersons to fade into oblivion after a spectacular start. She needs to be mindful of this. Roy is also frank, perhaps too frank at times. Her comments on the sufferings in Palestine did not go down well with a big and influential section of Indians. However, even in retrospect, she doesn't care, displaying a spirit of being true to her inner voice, somewhat like Ritwik Ghatak, who is one of her primary motivators for speaking her mind, both on and off the screen.

Roy stands out in an industry where making a mark on the global stage requires some push apart from sheer merit –grit is essential. In an industry where films are usually shot between 15 days and two months, she took nearly two years and a half to complete her project. Notably, Anurag Kashyap came out to support the movie after being inspired by the quality of her work. She sought advice from Kashyap, who volunteered to collaborate with her.

Supremely dedicated to her art, Roy used to work for the information technology sector, which she gave up without a second thought. Giving up the security of a month-end pay cheque is not easy for a girl who has ventured away from the security of her home in search of a career.

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Roy is aware that her kind of films does not have a readily available audience willing to pay for theatre visits. She has expressed her desires for her film to go on a festival circuit, now and perhaps a world premiere sometime. She is not even keen for a theatre release for the Indian audience. Unfortunately, she may be correct in her assessment. Payal Kapadia's 'All We Imagine As Light', which won the Grand Prix (second-most prestigious prize of the festival after the Palme d'Or) at Cannes last year, fared poorly at the box office in India. However, the appetite for real-life narratives might sustain filmmakers like Roy in the long run.

RICH CULTURE

PM's tribute to heroes, Guv says action against illegal immigrants soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Imphal

PM Narendra Modi on Saturday paid tribute to Manipur's contributions to country's freedom struggle.

Addressing a public gathering during his visit to Churachandpur, Modi said: "We have to take inspiration from Manipur's contribution in the freedom struggle of India and in the defence of India. It was the land of Manipur where the Indian National Army hoisted the Indian flag for the first time. Netaji Subhash called Manipur the gateway to India's freedom."

On the state's pre-eminent role in national security, Modi said: "Many children of Manipur are engaged in protecting Mother India. Recently, the world has seen the power of the Indian Army in Operation Sindoor... I salute the valour of our brave martyr Deepak Chingakham. The country will always remember his sacrifice."

Modi also praised the cultural and athletic legacy of the state. "Indian culture is incomplete without Manipuri culture. And without the players of Manipur, the sports of India are also incomplete."

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla urged the people of Churachandpur not to allow illegal settlements of "people beyond the borders", asserting that the government was committed to taking effective steps to address this challenge.

Addressing meetings in Churachandpur and Imphal, from where PM Modi unveiled development projects worth ₹8,500 crore, Bhalla appealed to the people to rise above differences and work together towards peace and prosperity. "We cannot allow our land to be encroached by people from beyond the borders. Both the state and the Centre are committed to taking effective steps to address this challenge," he said.

Meanwhile, some locals in Churachandpur were reportedly unhappy that the internally-displaced persons weren't allegedly allowed to flag their demands. "They were given a parameter that they should not ask the PM anything about separate administration. They were permitted to talk only on matters such as health, education, infrastructure etc," a local said.

WOMEN'S WELFARE
The Maharashtra govt has decided to expand the scope of its Mission Vatsalya scheme to provide benefits to all widows, single and deserted women, state WCD Minister Aditi Tatkare has said.

2 PHONE SNATCHERS HELD AFTER ENCOUNTER IN UP'S GONDA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	25	Mumbai	28	27
Bhopal	31	24	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	33	25	Patna	31	28
Amritsar	33	26	Lucknow	34	28
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	31	27	Imphal	25	22
Srinagar	28	17	Chandigarh	31	26

● Cricket body accused of ignoring sacrifices of 26 killed in attack ● Sena holds 'Sindoor' stir, says skipping Asia Cup will send strong signal

Pahalgam victim's widow for boycott of match

NAMITA BAJPAI, HARPREET BAJWA & SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Lucknow/Chandigarh/Mumbai

EVEN as cricket enthusiasts eagerly await the India-Pakistan match in the Asia Cup 2025 championship scheduled for Sunday, there are growing calls from various quarters, including relatives of the Pahalgam massacre victims, to boycott the event.

Aishanya Dwivedi, the young widow of one of the Pahalagam massacre victims, came out strongly against the championship, condemning the gesture and urging all the stakeholders concerned to boycott the fixture.

Criticising the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for agreeing to play against Pakistan, who she described as a "terrorist nation," Aishanya accused it of ignoring the sacrifices of 26 people who lost their lives in the terror attack on April 22, this year.

"The BCCI should not have accepted a match between India and Pakistan. I think BCCI is not sentimental towards those 26 families. What are our cricketers doing? Cricketers are said to be nationalists. It is viewed as our national game. Except for 1-2 cricket players, nobody stepped forward to say that we should boycott the match against Pakistan. BCCI cannot make them play at gunpoint. They should take a stand for their country. But they are not doing it," Aishanya said while interacting with media persons in Kanpur.

Aishanya sought to ask the sponsors and broadcasters if their nationality for those 26 families were over. "What will the revenue from the match be used for? Pakistan will use this just for terrorism. That is a terrorist nation. You will provide them with revenue and prepare them to attack us once again. I cannot understand this," added an enraged Aishanya. Calling for a nationwide boycott, she urged fans to take a stand. "Don't switch on your TVs. Don't give them the numbers. Boycott this match."

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Representational pic

"Can blood and cricket flow together?"

Opposition parties, including AIMIM and Shiv Sena (UBT), among others, slammed the ruling BJP and the BCCI over the September 14 match. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray asked if "blood and cricket can flow together."

'BJP has fogotten Pahalgam & Pulwama'

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann sought to remind the BJP-led Centre about Punjabi singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh being branded a "traitor" when his movie with a Pakistan actor was to be released after the terror attack.

Without naming Union Home Minister Amit Shah, whose son Jay Shah is the president of the International Cricket Council (ICC), CM Mann said, "Now the match is being played because the big boss's son is the ICC president."

Mann alleged that in this scenario, they forgot the Pahalgam and Pulwama attacks. He said that two teams play a match. "The match is with Pakistan. They should clarify that sports and culture will be kept separate from the relationship between both the countries," he added.

'Cricket match an insult to nat'l sentiments'

Uddhav Thackeray, the leader of the Shiv Sena (UBT), declared "Sindoor" protests throughout Maharashtra on Saturday, claiming that playing cricket with Pakistan is an "insult to national feelings", given that Indian soldiers are losing their lives on the borders, and questioned how terrorism and cricket can go together now.

Addressing the media, Thackeray called for the boycott of Sunday's match between the two nations. He said this is the best opportunity for India to communicate and send a strong message and signal to the world about Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

He criticised the BJP-led Centre, asked if the government would declare that Operation Sindoor was halted, and urged "deshbhakts" (patriots) to avoid the cricket match because the scars from the Pahalgam terror attack are still raw.

"This cricket match is an insult to national sentiments. Should we be playing cricket with Pakistan while our soldiers sacrifice their lives on the borders?" Thackeray asked.

He said the cricket match was a joke on patriotism. "If blood and water cannot flow together, then how can cricket and blood (go) together?" he said, and alleged that they (BJP) were doing trade in the name of patriotism.

Shiv Sena (UBT) will protest the game across the state. Thackeray said that sindoor (vermilion) will be collected by the party's female employees and sent to the PMO.

Thackeray questioned the Centre's stance on Pakistan, alleging that India's foreign policy has been ineffective and that it appears the nation will not regain control of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. "You were saying that Pakistan is spreading terror, and now you are playing cricket with the same country. Is Pakistan a terror state or not? Is it our enemy or not? Soldiers are getting martyred, and these people play cricket. This is not good," Thackeray added.

Uddhav mentioned a previous encounter between Pakistani player Javed Miandad and Bal Thackeray in the Thackeray family's Mumbai home, Matoshree, saying, "My father had told Javed Miandad that there will be no cricket till terror acts against India from Pakistan continue. We should not maintain any relations with Pakistan until terror stops."

Notably, On May 7, 2025, Operation Sindoor was launched in response to the Pahalgam terror incident, in which 26 defenceless civilians lost their lives.

The match is being played because the big boss's son is the ICC president (referring to Amit Shah's son Jay).
— Bhagwant Mann, Punjab CM

What will the revenue from the match be used for? Pakistan will use this just for terrorism. That is a terrorist nation.
— Aishanya Dwivedi, widow of victim

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New member from RSS for temple trust

Krishna Mohan, 73, an RSS office-bearer and a former Indian Forest Service officer, has been appointed as a new member of the Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. Mohan, who hails from Hardoi district, is RSS's Chhetra Sangh Chalak (region in-charge) for eastern UP. He has replaced Kameshwar Chaupal, who died earlier this year after prolonged illness. Like Chaupal, Mohan also belongs to the Scheduled Caste community. He joined the Maharashtra cadre of the IFS after MSc in geology from Lucknow University. He was, along with his wife, one of the host couples at the first consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in January 2024.

BJP taps fitness trainers to mobilise youngsters

The UP unit of the ruling BJP has mobilised gym and fitness trainers across the state as part of a broader youth centric campaign during the upcoming service week scheduled to be organised from September 17—PM Narendra Modi's birthday—till Gandhi Jayanti on October 2. The campaign, proposed to be carried out by BJP's youth arm, the Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha, will be themed around the idea of making youth "addiction free". Mobilising gym and fitness trainers gives the campaign a strong youth-centric, aspirational angle. The ruling party is eyeing to tap the fitness trainers ahead of the battle of 2027 as they wield respectable influence.

'Lucknow Chalo' call by Mayawati for party boost

Come October 9, the death anniversary of BSP ideologue Kanshi Ram, and party chief Mayawati would organise a mega rally in Lucknow. The move is an attempt to revive the party ahead of the next year's Assembly elections. Mayawati will address the mega-rally for which at least two lakh workers from across UP are likely to convene at the Kanshi Ram Memorial, a significant site of Bahujan unity built during the tenure of BSP. In the past few weeks, she has reorganised the party structure and raised local issues, appearing more vocal than in the years before. The party is planning to bring at least one bus for four Assembly seats.

Major drug haul, 2 vehicles seized from MP district

ANURAAG SINGH @ Guwahati

MADHYA Pradesh police seized a major amount of drugs, associated chemicals and related processing equipment, collectively worth over Rs 5 crore in Agar-Malwa district on Friday.

While two men identified as Ishwar Malviya and Daulat Singh Anjana were detained by the police from Agar-Barod Road from the two cars, which concealed the drug Ketamine, associated chemical and related manufacturing/processing equipment, the prime suspect, Rahul Anjana, who is reportedly a local BJP leader, managed to escape. Meanwhile, acting in the matter, the ruling BJP has expelled absconding suspect Rahul Anjana from the party.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs, a police team checked two cars near Ganesh Gaushala on the Agar-Barod Road and found a major haul of drugs, chemicals and equipment inside. The seizure included 9.25 kg of the drug Ketamine valued at over ₹4.62 crore, 12.1 kg of ammonium chloride powder, 35 litres of isopropyl alcohol worth ₹25 lakh and six grams of MD drug worth around ₹18,000. Equipment being taken for the possible manufacturing of synthetic drugs was seized. The entire seizure was worth over ₹5 crore.

After Nitish, BJP announces candidate before seat deal

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE BJP on Saturday announced its candidate for the Motihari assembly seat even though seat-sharing deal among the NDA allies has not been finalised. Pramod Kumar will be the party's candidate from the Motihari seat once again.

The announcement was made during NDA workers' conference held in Motihari, the district headquarters of East Champaran, on Saturday. The leaders present on the occasion appealed to electorate to support Kumar in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Recently, chief minister and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar announced that Santosh Kumar Nirala would be the party candidate from Rajpur (reserved) constituency in Buxar district. Nitish had earlier served as a minister in the Nitish Kumar cabinet.

Addressing NDA workers on the occasion, state health minister Mangal Pandey emphasised that Opposition leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, were trying to mislead people by raising the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. "The Opposition is making false allegations and trying to create confusion among electorates. However, people know the agenda of the Opposition and will not be misled by them. People have trust in NDA's development agenda," he said.

Pandey urged the electorate to ensure the victory of Kumar to strengthen NDA in the upcoming polls. "Kumar's victory is crucial for NDA. Every seat is important as it would decide the future of Bihar and its development," he said.

Kumar, 63, has been representing Motihari since 2005. He belongs to Kanu (Halwai) community. During his tenure as legislator, Kumar has focused on welfare initiatives. "He is accessible to all," Pandey added.

The NDA leaders slammed the Opposition for misleading people on SIR. "People of Bihar will never support the alliance, which pushed the state decades back," Pandey said.

"The trend of announcing candidates much before the seat-sharing deal may be a new strategy of the ruling alliance to keep the Opposition in confusion," said a political analyst, Pramod Kumar. Sources said the BJP and the JD(U) may contest 101-102 seats together, while smaller alliance partners could get 10-20 seats each.

Nadda hits out at Rahul over SIR, vote theft remarks

BJP national president and Union minister JP Nadda on Saturday lashed out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for accusing the EC and the BJP of stealing votes. He further excoriated the Congress and its ally RJD for being "irresponsible". Nadda's remarks follow Rahul's repeated assertions that the SIR of electoral rolls was an attempt at vote theft.

Direction for regular SIR encroaches EC's exclusive domain, poll panel tells SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission (EC) has informed the Supreme Court that any directive to conduct SIR of electoral rolls at regular intervals across the country would amount to an "encroachment" upon its exclusive constitutional domain.

In a counter-affidavit filed in response to a plea, the EC asserted that it holds "complete discretion" over the policy and timing of electoral roll revisions, to the exclusion of any other authority. The affidavit comes in reply to a petition by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, who has sought court directions mandating the EC to carry out SIRs nationwide, particularly before elections, to ensure that only Indian citizens influence the country's polity and policy. The EC maintained that it is empowered by the Constitution and relevant statutes to decide the nature and timing of revisions, whether summary or intensive, based on prevailing conditions.

"Any direction to conduct a 'SIR' at regular intervals throughout the country would encroach upon the exclusive jurisdiction of the ECI," the poll body said.

Citing Article 324 of the Constitution, the Commission stated that it is vested with the superintendence, direction, and control of electoral roll preparation and election conduct. It added that this constitutional provision forms the "bedrock" of the EC's plenary authority, even in areas where statutory law may be silent or inadequate. The affidavit also referred to Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, noting that while the law mandates electoral roll revision before general or assembly elections and by-elections, it does not impose a fixed timeline for doing so. Rule 25 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, also gives the EC the discretion to determine whether to carry out a summary or intensive revision.

The EC said it is cognisant of its responsibility to maintain the purity and integrity of electoral rolls and has already initiated steps accordingly. Through a letter dated July 5 addressed to CEOs of all states and UTs, except Bihar, the Commission ordered the start of pre-revision activities for a fresh SIR, with 1 January 2026 as the qualifying date.

Roads blocked, Himachal apple growers in peril

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HIMACHAL Pradesh's ₹5,000 crore apple industry has been severely impacted this season after relentless monsoon rains wreaked havoc across the state. Farmers are grappling with poor fruit quality, damaged infrastructure, and plummeting market prices, creating one of the toughest harvest seasons in recent years.

Continuous rainfall triggered the outbreak of a fungal disease, which has led to premature leaf and apple drop in orchards across the state. Transportation of apples has come to a near standstill in many areas due to landslides, flash floods, and cloudbursts that destroyed vital road networks. Apple-growing regions such as Kullu, Kinnaur, Shimla, Mandi, Chamba, and upper Shimla are particularly affected.

Despite these setbacks, apple production has increased this year. As of now, 1.57 crore apple boxes have been marketed within and outside the state — a significant jump from 1.13 crore boxes recorded during the same period last year.

Sanyukt Kisan Manch (SKM), Himachal Pradesh, convener Harish Chauhan said, "This year's rains appear much worse than the 2023 natural disaster. Moreover, a fungal disease attack has caused apples and leaves to fall prematurely. It is estimated that around 40% of the apples fell in all the orchards across the state and about 60 to 70% leaves fell."

"Meanwhile, under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) around 43,000 metric tonnes of apples (₹C' and ₹D' grade) have been bought and the figure might touch 50,000 MT. These apples are brought by the state government at Rs 12 per Kg and then pulp and juice is taken out and are also auctioned," Chauhan said.

Apple grower Rakesh Singha, said, "The apple season this year is historically worst.

In early April, hailstorms came, and at that time the apple crops blossomed, so got affected. In May, heavy rains started. Also, two fungal diseases, Alternaria and Marssonina, attacked the crop, thus the leaves of the fruit did not develop."

Hemis Negi, Managing Director of Himachal Pradesh State Agriculture Marketing Board said that so far at least 1.61 crore boxes have reached the market—1.02 crore in Shimla and Kinnaur markets and 23.45 lakh cantons in Solan.

Harvest of sorrow for exotic veggie farmers in HP

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE farmers in Himachal's tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti have suffered heavy losses as exotic vegetables like lettuce, broccoli, bell peppers, iceberg, zucchini and lilium flowers grown by them could not be transported amid heavy rains.

Now, with road connectivity restored, they will send their remaining produce to the market. The prices of these vegetables have gone through the roof. The veggies were taken from Lahaul to Leh by road and from there airlifted to Delhi for further supply. A farmer from Lauhaul, Pritam Singh, says that for about three weeks the vegetables from the tribal district could not be transported.

MONEY MATTERS

Private cultural events at select ASI heritage monuments in the offing

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Culture is considering a policy amendment to allow private cultural events at select Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)-protected sites under the 'Adopt a Heritage' programme.

The initiative would permit corporate entities, non-governmental organizations, or public sector undertakings (PSUs) to rent out space for cultural functions at monuments adopted through the scheme. The proposal is part of broader reforms to the 'Adopt a Heritage' programme, also known as Monument Mitra, and the National Culture Fund (NCF).

Under the revised NCF scheme, donors will be permitted to undertake conservation work on heritage buildings with technical oversight from ASI.

"The proposed changes aim to enhance private sector participation and generate revenue for the upkeep of protected monuments...Revenue generated through cultural events will help in regular upkeep of facilities, services and amenities introduced by the entities, who have adopted a site. The money collected will be deposited in an escrow account," said officials.

Launched in September 2017, the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme has seen memorandums of understanding signed for over 24 sites, including Red Fort and Dara Shikoh Library Building (Delhi), Aguada Fort (Goa), Rani-ki-Vav (Gujarat), Gandikota Fort (Andhra Pradesh), and Ajanta Caves (Maharashtra).

The revamped 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0,' launched in September 2023, led to 21 additional MoUs for sites including Purana Qila, Qutub Minar (Delhi), Madarasa Mahmud Gawan (Bidar), and Sun temple (Konark).

100,000+
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Nepal parties call parliament dissolution unconstitutional

President Paudel's approval of interim prime minister's proposal sparks backlash, with critics warning it erodes democracy and federalism

KATHMANDU

NEPAL's major political parties and apex lawyers' body have strongly criticised the president's decision to dissolve parliament, describing the move as "unconstitutional", "arbitrary" and a serious blow to democracy.

The criticism followed Friday's recommendation by the first cabinet meeting chaired by interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki to dissolve the House of Representatives, a proposal that President Ram Chandra Paudel promptly approved. The house was dissolved with effect from 11 pm on September 12, 2025, according to a notice issued by the President's Office. The president also fixed March 21, 2026, as the date for holding fresh parliamentary elections, it said. Political parties across the spectrum slammed the dissolution move. Disapproving of the move, Nepali Congress (NC), the largest political party of the country, warned that any action violating the Constitution would be unacceptable.

The Central Executive Committee meeting of the Nepali Congress held on Saturday concluded that the dissolution of the Parliament has "jeopardised the democratic achievements" of the country, MyRepublica news portal reported. "This move to dissolve parliament is against the spirit of our Constitution and the interpretation of the Supreme Court. It is absolutely unconstitutional," the NC said in a statement.

Security personnel keep vigil at the gate of the vandalised Federal Parliament in the aftermath of anti-government protests at Kathmandu in Nepal | PTI

NC General Secretary Bishwa Prakash Sharma said any breach of the Constitution raises serious questions.

CPN-UML General Secretary Shankar Pokharel described the move as 'ironically concerning'. "In the past, the majority of governments' attempts to dissolve Parliament were challenged as unconstitutional. Ironically, those same voices are now supporting dissolution. We must remain vigilant," the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist'Leninist) leader was quoted as saying by the news portal. The CPN (Maoist Centre) also expressed serious disagreement with the decision to dissolve the House of Representatives. Party spokesperson and Vice Chairman Agni Prasad Sapkota said the decision went against the country's constitutional framework. Issuing a late-night statement, the Nepal Bar Association (NBA) said the "arbitrary" dissolution undermines constitutional supremacy and 'strikes at the core of constitutionalism'.The umbrella body of legal professionals warned that the step weakens Nepal's hard-won democracy and dilutes the achievements of federalism. *PTI*

12 soldiers, 35 militants killed in clashes near Afghan border

PESHAWAR

PAKISTANI security forces raided two hideouts of the Pakistani Taliban near the Afghan border in the past two days, triggering clashes that killed 12 soldiers and 35 militants, the military said Saturday. The death toll underscores the struggles Pakistan faces as it tries to rein in resurging militant groups.

The military said 22 militants were killed in the first raid in Bajaur, in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Thirteen more were killed in a separate operation in South Waziristan district. The statement said that the 12 soldiers, "having fought gallantly, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced martyrdom" in South Waziristan. The militants are using Afghan soil to stage attacks in Pakistan, the military said, urging the Taliban government in Kabul "to uphold its responsibilities and deny use of its soil for terrorist activities against Pakistan." The military described the killed militants as "Khwarij," a term the government uses for the Pakistani Taliban, and alleged they were backed by India though it offered no evidence for the allegation.

Pakistan has long accused India of supporting the Pakistani Taliban and separatists in Baluchistan, charges that New Delhi denies. Pakistan has faced a surge in militant attacks in recent years, most claimed by the Pakistani Taliban, also known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP. *AP*

3 TRUCKS OF ARMS

Palestinian factions hand over weapons to Lebanese

SIDON

Palestinian factions in two refugee camps in Lebanon handed over truckloads of weapons to authorities on Saturday as part of a deal reached earlier this year to remove arms not under Lebanese state control.

The latest transfer of weapons, which has been slow since it began last month, took place in the Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp, the largest in Lebanon, near the southern port city of Sidon, and the Beddawi refugee camp near the northern city of Tripoli.

State-run National News Agency and a Palestinian spokesman said three trucks full of weapons from the Beddawi camp were headed to a Lebanese army barracks inside Tripoli. The spokesman for the Palestinian National Security Forces in Lebanon, Abdul Hadi al-Assadi, said in a statement that five truckloads of weapons also were handed over at Ein el-Hilweh. He said the weapons belonged to factions that are part of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Over the past few weeks, weapons were handed over to Lebanese troops in camps in Beirut and the southern province of Tyre. The 12 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon are not controlled by the Lebanese state. Ein el-Hilweh, home to nearly 75,000 people, includes militant Islamic groups that are not part of the deal to hand over the weapons. Clashes between members of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah group and rival Islamist factions in 2023 left 30 people dead and hundreds wounded.

Palestinian refugees and their ancestors in Lebanon are not given citizenship, ostensibly to preserve their right to go back to the homes they fled or were forced from during the 1948 creation of the state of Israel, which now bans them from returning. They are prohibited from working in most professions, from medicine to the banking sector. *AP*

FBI chief Patel in a soup after blunder in Kirk killing probe

WASHINGTON

HOURS after the assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, FBI Director Kash Patel declared online that "the subject" in the killing was in custody. The shooter was not. The two men who had been detained were quickly released. Utah officials acknowledged that the gunman remained at large.

The false assurance was more than a slip. It spotlighted the high-stakes uncertainty surrounding Patel's leadership of the bureau when its credibility is under extraordinary pressure, as is his own. Patel now approaches congressional oversight hearings this coming week facing not just questions about that investigation but broader doubts about whether he can stabilize a federal law enforcement agency fragmented by political fights and internal upheaval. Democrats are poised to press Patel on a purge of senior executives that has prompted a lawsuit, his pursuit of President Donald Trump's grievances long after the Russia investigation ended, and a realignment of resources that has prioritized the fight against illegal immigration and street crime.

Kash Patel speaks at a news conference, at Orem in Utah | AP

The hearings will offer Patel his most consequential stage yet, and perhaps the clearest test of whether he can convince the country that the FBI, under his watch, can avoid compounding its mistakes in a time of political violence and deepening distrust. "Because of the skepticism that some members of the Senate have had and still have, it's extremely important that he perform very well at these oversight hearings" on Tuesday and Wednesday, said Gregory Brower, the FBI's former top congressional affairs official.

The FBI declined to comment about Patel's coming testimony. Kirk's killing was always going to be a closely scrutinised investigation, not only because it was the latest burst of political violence inside the United States but also because of Kirk's friendships with Trump, Patel and other administration figures and allies. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

BOAT ENGINE BLAST KILLS ONE, INJURES 2

A sudden boat engine explosion at a Tatau workshop killed one man and seriously injured two others yesterday afternoon. The blast occurred during engine repairs, sending shrapnel at workers nearby. Police confirmed the incident was accidental. The victim's body and the injured were taken to Bintulu Hospital for treatment and post-mortem.

Israeli strikes kill 32 in Gaza City, offensive intensifies

DEIR AL-BALAH

A barrage of airstrikes killed at least 32 people across Gaza City as Israel ramps up its offensive there and urges Palestinians to evacuate, medical staff reported Saturday.

The dead included 12 children, according to the morgue in Shifa Hospital, where the bodies were brought.

Israel in recent day has intensified strikes across Gaza City, destroying multiple high-rise buildings and accusing Hamas of putting surveillance equipment in them.

On Saturday the army said it struck another high-rise used by Hamas in the area of Gaza City. It has ordered residents to leave, part of an offensive aimed at taking over the largest Palestinian city, which it says is Hamas' last stronghold. Hundreds of thousands of people remain there, struggling under conditions of famine.

One of the strikes overnight and into early morning Saturday hit a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, killing a family of 10, including a mother and her three children, said health officials.

The Palestinian Football Association said a player for the Al-Helal Sporting Club, Mohammed Ramez Sultan, was killed in the strikes with 14 members of his family. Images showed the strikes hitting followed by plumes of smoke.

Smoke and flames rise after an Israeli military strike on a building in Gaza City | AP

Israel's army didn't immediately respond to questions about the strikes. In the wake of escalating hostilities and calls to evacuate the city, the number of people leaving has spiked in recent weeks, according to aid workers.

However, many families remain stuck because of the cost of finding transportation and housing, while others having been displaced too many times and don't want to move again, not trusting that anywhere in the enclave is safe.

In a message on social media Saturday, Israel's army told the remaining Palestinians in Gaza City to leave "immediately" and move south to what it's calling a humanitarian zone. Army spokesman Avichay Adraee said that more than a quarter of a million people had left Gaza City — from an estimated 1 million who live in the area of north Gaza around the city. *AP*

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 709

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Arab, Muslim leaders to gather in Qatar

Doha: Qatar said Saturday it will host a summit of Arab and Muslim leaders to denounce Israel's attack on Hamas officials in Doha and to show solidarity with the Gulf state. Foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said Monday's meeting will review a draft resolution on the Israeli attack, prepared at Sunday's ministerial talks.

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SRIHARSHAN ASSOCIATES,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
We are investigating the title of (1) **Iinspira Springdale Private Limited,** a Company having its registered office at No.35, Ground Floor, Kasturba Cross Road, off Lavelle Road, Bangalore 560011 **("Owner-1")**for 3 individual plots in the project **"Inspira Trees of Life"**and **(2)Strides Commerce Private Limited,** a Company having its registered office at No. 369, 13th Cross, 30th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore, 560070**("Owner-2")**for 10 individual plots in the project **"Inspira Trees of Life"**and **(2a)Iinspira B M Constructions LLP**, a Limited Liability Partnership firm having its registered office at No.35, Rajya Sabha Building, Ground Floor, off Lavelle Road, Kasturba Cross Road, Rajbhavan, Bangalore, 560001 **("Agreement Holder")** for 10 individual plots in the project **"Inspira Trees of Life"**, both formed in converted land bearing Survey Nos. 5/2, 6, 7/1, 7/2, 8, 102/1, 106, 107 and 121/1 admeasuring 13 acres 28 ½ guntas(out of 14 acres ¾ guntas), situated at Sarjapura Village, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, morefully detailed in the table below and hereinafter collectively referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**.
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Details of 3 Plots along with measurements owned by Owner-1 are detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Plot No.	Plot Area in Square feet
1.	34	1,163
2.	105	1,163
3.	197	2,325

Details of 10 Plots along with measurements owned by Owner-2 and Agreement Holder are detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Plot No.	Plot Area in Square feet
1.	2	1,711
2.	22	1,163
3.	55	1,163
4.	56	1,163
5.	59	1,453
6.	60	1,453
7.	61	1,453
8.	62	1,453
9.	96	1,163
10.	129	1,163

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The total annual revenue loss is estimated to be around **₹1.5-2** lakh crore, much higher than govt projection of **₹48,000** crore

As per govt estimate, the gross loss could be **₹93,000** crore but shifting goods from **28%** slab to **40%** can help recoup **₹45,000** crore

As per Bernstein's Research, merging the **12%** slab into **5%** alone could wipe out **₹79,600** crore while scrapping the **28%** slab could cost

₹1.12 LAKH CRORE

BERNSTEIN ESTIMATES THE TOTAL GAINS OF ₹16,000 CRORE FROM SHIFTING SOME ITEMS INTO HIGHER SLABS — ₹700 CRORE (12% TO 18%) AND ₹15,000 CRORE (28% TO 40%)

The fiscal cost to the Centre will be lower than states because the Centre shares **41%** of CGST with state governments

IDFC First Bank in a recent note pegged the combined revenue loss to both the Centre and the states at about **₹95,000 crore**

What's the real fiscal cost of GST reforms?

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

WHEN the Finance Ministry undertook the task of GST rate cuts, it maintained that the exercise was a step towards easing the burden on common man rather than being too concerned about loss of revenue. Yet, analysts and economists continue to huddle over the 'real' fiscal cost of the move.

The ministry has projected a revenue impact of ₹48,000 crore, but multiple economists and research firms believe the actual fiscal cost could be significantly higher — ranging between ₹1.5 lakh crore to ₹2 lakh crore.

As per the government estimate, the gross revenue loss is estimated to be ₹93,000 crore, which will be partially offset by additional revenue of ₹45,000 crore due to shift in goods from 28% slab to 40%. The finance ministry's assessment is based on the FY24 consumption basket.

However, even government officials do sound too sanguine about these estimates. Officials in the finance ministry maintained that their figures are conservative and based on historical data. "It is very difficult to precisely say that how much will be the impact and anyway our experience says that whenever there is a rate consumption goes up and ultimately there is no revenue loss and one thing I would say that whether it is 48,000 (crore) or 93,000 (crore), this money is going to remain in the hands of common man," said a senior official.

Former finance and economic affairs secretary Subhash Chandra Garg dismissed these numbers as "gross under-estimation." He argued that the 2023-24 consumption-based loss of ₹93,000 crore, when adjusted to 2025-26 prices, works out to nearly ₹1.1 lakh crore annually. On top of that, the Centre will forgo the GST compensation cess, which yielded around ₹1.4 lakh crore a year. Even after accounting for recovery of about ₹50,000 crore from items in the 40% GST slab, Garg believes the net shortfall would still be ₹2 lakh crore.

Most economists TNIE spoke to said they do not entirely agree with the figure.

Reports from Emkay Global, HSBC and Bernstein put the total revenue loss around ₹1.5 lakh crore.

Bernstein's research highlights that the merging of the 12% slab into 5% alone could wipe out ₹79,600 crore, while scrapping the 28% slab could cost another ₹1.12 lakh crore.

Gains from shifting some items into higher slabs — ₹700 crore (12% to 18%) and ₹15,000 crore (28% to 40%)—would only marginally offset the damage, leaving an estimated net loss of ₹1.57 trillion for both Centre and states. HSBC estimates a net revenue loss of ₹57000 crore for half a year.

Gaura Sengupta, chief economist at IDFC First Bank, placed the figure somewhat lower but still above the ministry's guidance. "The fiscal cost to the Centre will be lower than states because the Centre shares 41% of CGST with state governments," she said, pegging the overall revenue impact at about ₹95,000 crore.

Emkay Global, in its report, also flagged risks around revenue collection. "There is currently pressure on the Centre's gross tax revenue, already trailing budgeted growth," it said in a note.

NEWSCOPE

HOW DO WE EXIT CYCLE OF FLOODS & DEATH?

THE cycles of extreme climate, alternating between floods and drought, is getting worse by the year, and there are no answers. This year, more than half the country is reeling from floods. Punjab is facing its worst deluge since 1988. Haryana, Rajasthan, and the hill states of Himachal and Uttarakhand have seen cloudbursts, and entire towns being wiped out.

In neighbouring Pakistan, the north-west has suffered far worse, with millions displaced and over a 1,000 lives lost. It is not a pretty picture. Across Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Haryana, the combined death toll has reached 500 as of September 4, 2025. Himachal is the worst with 355 deaths. In the north-east, relentless rains in June have claimed 30 lives.

Every year the location and toll numbers change. Otherwise, the destruction of lives, crops and human habitation continues with sickening repetition. Somehow our planners and government departments have never really digested the old adage of geographer Gilbert F White, who noted in 1942, "Floods are 'acts of God', but flood losses are largely acts of man."

Upstream water

Punjab is facing its worst floods since 1988 with nearly 2,000 villages submerged, 4 lakh acres of farm lands devastated and nearly 3.9 lakh people across 9 districts having to migrate to relief spots.

Environmental platform 'Mongabay' has documented the extent and reasons for the damage. Punjab's affected villages mainly lie along the river Ravi and lower reaches of the Beas and Sutlej. The waters swelled to unmanageable proportions due to incessant rains in upstream areas in Himachal, which has received as much as 46% above-normal rainfall till 8 September. The situation worsened with the lower catchment areas in Punjab too receiving 55% excess rain.

Environmental activists point to the shoddy management of dam waters. The excess release of water at the wrong time, is one of the principal problems. While the Centre controls the Bhakra-Beas Management Board (BBMB) that manages Bhakra and Pong dams, the Punjab government manages the Ranjit Sagar dam on the river Ravi.

In the early part of August, the release of water from these dams was kept low despite heavy rainfall in the catchment areas. This was a huge mistake. Thereafter, Himanshu Thakkar, the coordinator of South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP), said: "They had to eventually release heavy quantities of water from August 26 onwards when Punjab was already facing floods due to local rainfall." It ultimately led to the submergence of large parts of Gurdaspur and Pathankot districts.

There is rightful fury at the dam management organistions. Citizens groups have filed petitions before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), while the Himachal government has filed an FIR against the dam authority accusing it of releasing excess water without warning.

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Glacial outbursts

Significantly, the floods that ravaged the Harsil region of Uttarakhand on 5 August, wiped out riverside towns Dharali and Sukhi Top, and have claimed several lives, have a different explanation.

Despite reports of cloudbursts, the Indian Meteorological Department recorded minimal rainfall. Harsil recorded only 6.5 mm of rain on the day of the disaster, while Bhatwari received just 11.5 mm over 24 hours. This is far short of what is defined as a cloudburst, which implies a massive precipitation of 100 mm or more of rainfall over 24 hours over a localised area.

This has led some experts to venture a hypothesis that it was not a cloudburst, but rather a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) or a glacier collapse in the upper reaches that triggered the flash floods. What these experts are saying is that climate change is accelerating glacial retreat, leading to the formation and expansion of glacial lakes that can break their bunds at any time.

It is also time that the state government and commercial groups be made accountable for having slaughtered trees, expanded roads and highways in the ecologically sensitive Himalayan zones. It has changed the course of rivers like the River Kheer Ganga.

The destruction caused by floods in Pakistan needs intensive study too. As a country that contributes barely 1% towards global climate change, it has suffered widespread damage. Speaking to 'Dialogue Earth', climate scientist Mohammad Ehsan Leghari said the floods were triggered with 200 to 300 mm of rainfall in a short spell, along with glacial melts, and northern heatwaves in June. While these natural disasters came together, he pointed to the human-made disasters too — the deforestation, and urbanization and human encroachments blocking the natural flows.

Similarly, the Ravi Urban Development Authority's paving of floodplains along the River Ravi in Punjab turned absorbent areas into concrete, inviting devastation by turning them into river paths.

The bigger tragedy is there is no learning or rolling back mistakes of the past. Extreme and cyclical changes of climate are not being factored in. The El Nino effect — warming of central and equatorial Indian and Pacific Ocean waters that cause millions of cusecs of rain being dumped in as far off places as Europe, the Horn of Africa, and Bali this year — has not been reversed.

In Dehradun, the capital of Uttarakhand, despite the tragedy that unfolded recently in the state's Harsil sector, there is no rethink on devastating projects in the valley. A ₹6,200-crore Rispana — Bindal Elevated Corridor, two flyovers of over 26 kilometers, are in the pipeline. The plan includes erecting support columns in the middle of the beds of Rivers Rispana and Bindal that will choke the natural flow of water and create flooding along the banks of the rivers.

Bharti Jain, architect and town planner, has pointed out that as far back as 2007 the flyovers were to be implemented after feasibility studies and Environmental Impact Assessment is done. "However, the Doon authorities are brazenly implementing these projects without a thought for on the city's environment," Ms Bharti told this writer.

Sebi incentives to boost mutual fund penetration: Amfi

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE mutual funds industry body — Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) — has welcomed the reforms announced by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to increase mutual fund penetration, including cash incentives for first-time women investors and reclassifying investments in REITs as equity.

Welcoming the progressive and well-calibrated reforms announced by Sebi on Friday, the lobby said the new incentive structures to expand mutual fund penetration beyond the top 30 cities and among women investors align closely with Amfi's financial inclusion objectives.

"The reduction in the maximum exit load from 5% to 3% further reinforces Sebi's commitment to investor protection and transparency, while the reclassification of REITs as equity for mutual fund investments is also a timely step that will enhance diversification opportunities and support the growth of real estate as an investible asset class. Taken together, these initiatives will broaden investor participation, strengthen the long-term health of the mutual fund industry, and strike a thoughtful balance between regulatory rigour, investor protection, and ease of doing business," Amfi chief executive Venkat Chalasani said on Saturday.

He added that incentivising first-time women investors in mutual funds would go a long way in increasing their participation. Following its board meeting on Friday, Sebi announced several measures to facilitate enhanced investor protection and financial inclusion in mutual funds. These include a more transparent and sustainable incentive structure for MF distributors, reduction in the maximum permissible exit load from 5% to 3%, and revised incentives for distributors for new inflows from beyond top 30 (B-30) cities.

The regulator also announced additional incentives for distributors for on-boarding new women investors.

On incentives for distributors in B-30 cities, Sebi said these will now apply only to inflows from new individual investors. Distributors will be eligible for incentives capped at 1% of the first application amount (for lump-sum investments) or the total investment in the first year (for SIPs), subject to a maximum of ₹2,000.

Currently, MF schemes can charge a maximum exit load of 5%, which gets credited back to the scheme.

'PSBs should aspire for global competitiveness'

'Key drivers of Vikshit Bharat'

The two-day PSB Manthan positioned government-owned banks as central drivers in India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Deliberations during the Manthan covered themes such as customer experience, governance, purposeful innovation & credit growth.

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PUBLIC sector banks (PSBs) have moved beyond 'survival and stability' and are now positioned to play a larger role as champions of growth, innovation, and leadership, DFS Secretary M Nagaraju said in his speech at the conclusion of PSB Manthan 2025 in Gurugram on Saturday. He stressed the need for banks to aspire for global competitiveness, strengthen governance, and expand their role across both traditional and emerging industries.

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The event, chaired by the DFS Secretary, brought together top leadership of PSBs along with regulators, industry experts, academicians, and technologists.

Deliberations during the Manthan covered themes such as customer experience, governance, purposeful innovation, credit growth, risk management, workforce readiness and technology modernisation.

Key recommendations included process simplification, faster grievance redressal, adoption of next-generation technologies, and the creation of shared infrastructure to deliver hyper-personalised products. Discussions also stressed the need to move beyond legacy systems to agile, interoperable platforms, while putting in place robust AI governance frameworks to manage risks.

Adani Group plans $60 bn investment in power sector by FY32

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDUSTRIALIST Gautam Adani-led Adani Group is looking to invest around $60 billion up to FY32 in the power sector, especially in renewables, generation and transmission/distribution.

In an investor presentation, Adani Power said the group plans $21 billion investment by FY30 to scale up renewable energy capacity to 50 GW from 14.2 GW as of FY25. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) develops, builds, owns, operates and maintains utility-scale grid-connected solar and wind farm projects. The group would invest $17 billion in building transmission and distribution capabilities through Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL). The company looks to set up 30,000 km of transmission lines to support India's growing energy needs by FY30, from 19,200 km as of March 31, 2025. The group looks to invest $22 billion through Adani Power by FY32 to have a 41.9 GW capacity from 17.6 GW in FY25.

Adani Power is the largest private thermal power producer in India with capacities spread over Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Tamil Nadu, and a 40 MW solar power project in Gujarat.

Adani Group said India is one of the fastest growing electricity market in the world.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Baroda launches "bob Aspire" for non-residents

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda, one of India's leading public sector banks, has launched the bob Aspire NRE Savings Account, a product that enables Indian citizens moving abroad for business, employment, education, or other long-term purposes to open an NRE savings account while still in India. The account will initially be opened in "inoperative mode" and will become fully operational upon submission of overseas address proof and a passport copy with an immigration stamp confirming NRI status. The bank offers a comprehensive suite of NRE/NRO savings accounts, including the Baroda Power Pack NRE Savings Account, bob Global Women NRE & NRO Savings Account.

UCO Bank hosts resources, MSME and agriculture carnival in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: UCO Bank's Bhubaneswar Zonal Office organised a Resources, MSME & agriculture carnival on 9 June 2025, at RR Convention, Khordha. The event was attended by MSME and agriculture customers, SHG members, and Bank Mitras. The gathering was addressed by Ankit Rana, General Manager, General Administration & Central Security Department, Head Office, Kolkata, and Bhagwat Singh Bhakuni, Deputy General Manager & Zonal Head, Bhubaneswar. Bhakuni emphasised the role of SHGs in community building and women's empowerment, highlighting the bank's efforts in financing SHGs and women entrepreneurs. Rana expressed gratitude to customers for their support and introduced new agriculture, MSME, CASA, and digital products.

SBI lists $500 million Reg-S bonds on NSE-IX

Gujarat: The State Bank of India (SBI) announced the listing of its $500 million Regulation S bonds at the NSE International Exchange (NSE-IX) in GIFT City. The bonds, issued at a coupon rate of 4.50%, are priced at a spread of 75 basis points over the benchmark. They are also listed on the Singapore Exchange (SGX-ST). Commenting on the issuance, Rama Mohan Rao Amara, Managing Director, SBI, said: "The successful issuance of $500 million reflects the strong appetite for SBI bonds and underscores global investor confidence in India's growth story and the bank's credit quality. The listing enhances market visibility and supports the vision of strengthening GIFT City as a global financial hub."

Punjab & Sind Bank MD & CEO meets Odisha chief minister

Bhubaneswar: Swarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank, visited Odisha on 7 September 2025, and held discussions with Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Minister Krishna Chandra Patra. The meetings focused on expanding financial inclusion, supporting agri-based industries, and enhancing banking services in rural and tribal regions. Saha also reviewed the bank's regional performance. The visit underscores the bank's commitment to Odisha's socio-economic development through tailored financial solutions and partnerships.

ECGC holds 67th AGM, reports record export premium collection

Mumbai: ECGC Ltd, the export credit insurance arm of the Government of India, held its 67th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9 September 2025 for FY2024-25. The meeting was attended by all shareholders, including the Commerce Secretary. The company supported exports worth ₹8.55 lakh crore during the year—an all-time high — marking 17% growth, with cover to exporters rising 20%. ECGC also recorded its highest-ever gross premium of ₹1,366.53 crore, up 7.5% year-on-year. Claims worth ₹453.46 crore were paid, slightly higher than the ₹450.31 crore paid in the previous year. For FY2024-25, ECGC posted a profit before tax of ₹2,723.07 crore (₹2,858.95 crore in FY2023-24) and a PAT of ₹2,076.67 crore.

ISSF WC: Pistol shooter Esha pockets gold

Olympian **Esha Singh** ended India's medal drought at the ongoing ISSF World Cup rifle/pistol, clinching gold in the women's 10m air pistol in Ningbo, China on Saturday. The 20-year-old edged out home favourite Yao Qianxun by 0.1 point in a tense final. Reigning Olympic champion Oh Yejin of South Korea took the bronze.

India and Pakistan return to the sporting field for the 1st time since the cross-border tensions earlier this year. **Swaroop Swaminathan** & **Firoz Mirza** draw parallels to the 1999 WC match, what it meant and how the players felt...

(CLOCKWISE) Indian team during a training session in Dubai; Police monitoring the fans during the 1999 World Cup match between India and Pakistan at Old Trafford, Manchester; Venkatesh Prasad (R) and Nayan Mongia (L) celebrate a Pak wicket | AFP

MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Sunday Special

ONE Indian flag was burnt. There were three arrests and as many as nine people were asked to vacate the premises. The last time India and Pakistan went to war in 1999, the rhetoric and the violence surrounding the Super Six fixture during the 1999 World Cup descended into troubling territory.

Matches featuring the two Asian neighbours have frequently witnessed rhetoric and war metaphors but it's seldom played amid the backdrop of actual war on the battlefield. It's why Sunday's Asia Cup fixture may be different and can be directly compared to the game played at Manchester all those moons ago in 1999.

The two nuclear-armed countries may not be at war with each other but these are extraordinary times. Post the Pahalgam tragedy in April, an armed conflict broke out between the two nations. Air strikes, missile attacks and drones threatened to fracture already dicey diplomatic relationships between the two nations. Also, do remember the centre's stance with respect to Operation Sindoor, India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attacks. "Today's India thinks differently and acts differently," Rajnath Singh, the defence minister, said in Parliament in July. "Operation Sindoor was paused as the armed forces had achieved the desired politico-military objectives..."

On the other side of the aisle, a few members of the wider cricketing fraternity have maintained that sport and politics shouldn't mix. But that's kind of missing the point. Wherever there's sport, geopolitics and political maneuvering lurk in the shadows.

The Asia Cup itself has felt the pull of geopolitical tensions over the decades. Nascent editions of this tournament has seen boycotts by both India (when Sri Lanka hosted it in 1986) and Pakistan (when India hosted it in 1990-91).

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On social media, multiple personalities are continuing to call for a boycott of the game with less than 24 hours to go. There's a whiff of uneasiness in the air as former cricketers -- storied cricketers -- from both nations have continued to echo ultra nationalist views. One India - Pakistan fixture (the WCL 2025 semifinal) was called off in July after India's refusal to play in it. Days out from the game, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as well as non-playing staff of the Indian team are answering questions with respect to a potential boycott.

India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak says they are fully focused on the game. "For the players and us, once the BCCI says and they are aligned with the government, we are here to prepare and we are here to play. It will be a competitive game. So, we would rather focus on that."

The 52-year-old rejected claims that it can be tough to focus on cricket given the growing clamour of a boycott. "Once we are here to play, I think players are focused on playing cricket," he said on Friday. "I personally don't think they have anything in mind apart from playing cricket."

In the pre-tournament press conference featuring the Indian captain, Suryakumar Yadav had to answer the same kind of questions. "Aggression is always there when we take the field," he had said. "Without aggression, I don't think you can play this sport.

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Nayan Mongia remembers the 1999 World Cup match between the two countries vividly. Having injured his left hand earlier in the tournament, the keeper-batter had missed the fixture against Sri Lanka but was brought back to play England and Australia.

In the lead up to the Pakistan match, he was not certain whether he would play. That is when coach Anshuman Gaekwad approached Mongia and asked to play in what was going to be a very important match.

> *Hopefully, the way we play can represent how the players feel about the country.*
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> — Ryan ten Doeschate, Indian team assistant coach

"I was keeping with one hand because three-four matches ago, my hand was broken," Mongia recalls. "Late Anshuman Gaekwad and team management said that 'if you can play, then it's better'. I took a painkilling injection and played the match. I did the keeping with one hand. I caught the balls only with my right hand, not with my left hand. Because there was no chance that I could get that pain in that left hand. It was very difficult and I remember I caught Azhar Mahmood off Anil Kumble. I think, it was regarded as one of the best catches of the World Cup."

While Mongia understood the significance of the contest and did his part in India beating Pakistan, it wasn't until after the match when he realised the magnitude of it on the backdrop of the Kargil war. "When the Kargil War happened in 1999, the World Cup had started. We had no idea that the Kargil War had become so big and massive. I don't think I have seen such a celebration in India. The people gathered on the road from the ground to the hotel, the sweets were distributed, the celebration was there. It cannot be put into words. We came to know its depth when we came to India. That's when we came to know about it," he says.

The former keeper from Baroda reiterates what it means to a player to have the chance of doing something like that for his country. "You don't get that chance again and again. You yearn for that chance to do something for the country. Not everyone gets this chance. I was lucky that I got that chance. Even if my hand or my leg is broken, we have seen today's cricketers that they don't want to lose this chance. When you play for the country, your passion is different.

Amay Khurasiya, who was also a part of the 1999 World Cup squad, echoes the sentiment. "I will be lying if I say 'no, no, no', it is like nothing," he tells this daily. "It is definitely personal. The players do want to focus on the game and that is right. But they are also equally desperate to win against Pakistan. There's always turmoil (going on in a player's mind)."

"By and large, you are being told to just focus on your game, that's just play the game. If you play the game, you'll win it. If you focus on many outside factors, then you will get distracted. So distraction is something which will make you lose the game. So it's like focusing on the game," the former MP cricketer explains.

Sunday will be no different when both teams take the field at the Dubai International Stadium for the Asia Cup encounter. There will be emotions, internal turmoils and extra motivation to give their best and help their country win. But to do that, they will have to keep it all in the back of their mind, and focus on what they could do on the field. For, in the end, that is what will determine who has the last laugh.

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When an American writer, Mike Marqusee, travelled through South Asia during the 1996 World Cup, he was spellbound by cricket's influence in everyday life. He came to see it through a socio-economic lens with a hefty splash of politics mixed for equal measure.

He decided to name his book 'War Minus The Shooting'. No other four word phrase has quite accurately captured the emotions of a cricket match between India and Pakistan.

WHAT TO EXPECT

ROUND ONE OF TWO OR PERHAPS EVEN THREE GAMES BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. A LOOK AT THE HIGH-VOLTAGE CONTEST...

SHAHEEN VS ABHISHEK

The contest between the two southpaws inside the powerplay could decide which of the two teams will get the early initiative. Shaheen likes to attack the pads and the stumps while Abhishek routinely swings for the hills. He has over 260 fours or sixes inside the powerplay in his fledgling T20 career.

HARIS' BATTING IMPACT

Pakistan were one of the early innovators in the format but their batting intent and mindset still seems to be stuck in the past. It's in this context that Mohammad Haris' aggressive intent is a breath of fresh air. He scored a rapid 66 the other night against Oman and they will need him to do something similar.

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India have won 10 of the 19 Asia Cup ties vs Pak and lost 6 with 3 no result

INDIA VS PAKISTAN, DUBAI | SONY SPORTS NETWORK @ 8.00 PM

Nissanka's 50 guides SL to win vs B'desh

ABU DHABI: Pathum Nissanka's fifty helped Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh, as they chased 140 within 15 overs. Earlier, Wanindu Hasaranga starred with the ball. **Brief scores:** BAN 139/6 in 20 ovs (Shamim 42 n.o, Hasaranga 2/25) lost to SL 140/4 (Nissanka 50, M Hasan 2/29)

PIC: PTI

Kaur and Co seek fresh start

With India taking on Australia in first of the three ODIs, a look...

WORLD CUP PREP

With less than three weeks to go for a home ODI Wrold Cup, the Harmanpeer Kaur-led side could not ask for a better opponent to prepare against. As they look to get into groove, Australia will also be looking to do the same. They are back together as a team after almost six months and will be keen to hit the road running.

RENUKA'S RETURN

One of the key bowlers of the team in last three years, Renuka Singh will be making a come back after a long injury layoff. All eyes will be on the seamer from Himachal Pradesh and how she goes in the three ODIs as she will be crucial to India's plans not just against Australia but also in the World Cup.

AUSTRALIA'S ALL-ROUND DEPTH

It is a long-existing phenomenon, but with the return of Sophie Molineux and Georgia Wareham, the Australian side has built a squad for all seasons. They have variation in bowling attack, depth in batting and the experience to counter everything that India have to throw at them. The Women in Blue will have to bring their A-game to take it toe-to-toe against the visitors.

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA, NEW CHANDIGARH

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR, 1.30PM

Duleep Trophy: Rathod's 194 puts Central on top

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

YASH Rathod scored his highest first-class score of 194 as Central Zone built a healthy first innings lead of 326 against South Zone to gain control of the Duleep Trophy final here on Saturday. Starting the day at 384/5, Central made 511 before getting bowled out an hour post-lunch. South reached 129 for two in their second innings, still trailing by 233 runs. But the star of the day was undoubtedly Rathod. Beginning at 137, Rathod soon reached 150 off 223 balls, swelling the sixth-wicket partnership with Saransh Jain (69, overnight 47) to 176. Rathod explained his game plan against the spinners.

"When they came, the ball was coming to me and I was thinking how to dominate the bowlers. Rajat (Patidar) Bhai told me to control your nerves, and the more you try to react to the ball, the better it will be for you," said Rathod after the day's play.Ravichandran Smaran (37) and Ricky Bhui (26) of South Zone were at the crease at stumps.

BRIEF SCORES

South 149 & 129/2 in 33 ovs (M Kale 38, R Smaran 37 n.o) vs Central 511 all out in 145.1 ovs (R Patidar 101, Y Rathod 194, S Jain 69; G Singh 4/124)

EXPRESS READ

Zubimendi bags brace in Arsenal victory

LONDON: Arsenal ruined Ange Postecoglou's first game in charge of Nottingham Forest as Martin Zubimendi's double sealed a 3-0 win here on Saturday. In La Liga, Real Madrid beat Real Sociedad 2-1 despite playing an hour with 10 men due to a red card.

Other EPL results: Newcastle 1-0 Wolves; Bournemouth 2-1 Brighton; Palace 0-0 Sunderland; Everton 0-0 Villa.

Bengaluru FC resume payment of salaries

BENGALURU: A month after announcing that it suspended salaries due to the impasse over the ISL, Bengaluru FC on Saturday stated that it has resumed payments of salaries, for first-team staff. "Pre-season training for the first team is set to resume on the 16th of September at our new facility," it further went on to state. .

Satwik-Chirag reach first final of season

HONG KONG: India's star men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty ended a long wait for a title shot this year, storming into the final of the Hong Kong Open with a straight-game win on Saturday. The world No. 9 duo defeated Chinese Taipei's Bing-Wei Lin and Chen Cheng Kuan 21-17, 21-15 to make their first final of the season after six semifinal heartbreaks.

Indian women qualify for Asia Cup final

HANGZHOU (CHINA): Indian women's hockey team qualified for the Asia Cup final despite playing out a 1-1 draw against Japan after hosts China beat Korea 1-0 in the last match of the Super 4 stage here on Saturday. India will face China in the summit clash on Sunday.

Worlds: Grapplers toil on opening day

ZAGREB: Indian wrestlers endured a disappointing start to their campaign at the World Championships with all four grapplers bowing out on the opening day of competition, here Saturday. In the men's 61kg freestyle, Udit lost tamely to Taiyrbek Uulu of Kyrgyzstan.

Subdued start for India at the Athletics Worlds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

INDIAN race walkers disappointed in the 35km events with Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami finishing 23rd and 24th in the men's and women's sections, respectively, on the opening day of the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo on Saturday.

With the Athletics Federation of India expecting its athletes to match their personal bests, none of the walkers managed to come close to it in their finals.

Ram Baboo, another Indian in the men's 35km final, was disqualified after receiving his fourth red card. The 39-year-old Sandeep clocked 2:39:15s. He could not breach his personal and season's best of 2:35:06 under hot and humid conditions.

National Record holder Priyanka clocked 3:05:58s in the women's final. Her national record is 2:56:34s. In the women's 1500m race, Pooja finished a disappointing 11th in her heat round, clocking 4 minute 13.75 seconds. She has a personal best of 4:09.52. She will also compete in the 800m, which is scheduled to be held on September 18.

India's race walker Sandeep Kumar (L) in action on Saturday | AP

Meanwhile, the United States of America's mixed 4x400m mixed relay team created a championship record in the final, clocking 3:08.80s.

India beat Switzerland in Davis Cup

AGENCIES @ Biel

EVEN though N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli lost a tight doubles tie to Jakub Paul and Dominic Stricker, Sumit Nagal beat Henry Bernet 6-1, 6-3 to help India cruise past Switzerland in the World Group I tie of Davis Cup Qualifiers on Saturday.

Balaji and Bollipalli lost 7-6 (3) 4-6 5-7 in two hours and 26 minutes, but Nagal made sure India had the final say. Earlier, Dhakshineshwar Suresh and Nagal had given India a handsome 2-0 advantage on Friday by winning their singles matches against Jerome Kym and Marc-Andrea Huesler respectively.

Balaji and left-handed Stricker served extremely well at the beginning, holding their serves without losing a single point. Big serves followed by quick volley winners was a routine pattern. The first point that India lost was through a double fault from Bollipalli. The Indians put Paul's serve under pressure with some thoughtful returns but the Swiss managed to hold. The Indians earned three break points on Stricker's serve in game six.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boxer Meenakshi one hit away from glory

ENS @ Chennai

BARELY 24 hours after confirming a medal at the ongoing World Championships, Meenakshi Hooda is now a step closer to the pinnacle — a gold medal. It's a sizeable feat for the first-timer as she continues to author her compelling story which was set in motion a little over a decade ago.

Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg of Mongolia was her latest victim. Meenakshi was tuned in from start to finish and never let her guard down during the women's 48kg semifinals in Liverpool on Saturday, eventually winning by 5-0 scoreline.

The girl from Rurki, daughter of an auto rickshaw rider, will now go on to meet Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan, the Paris Games bronze medallist. When Meenakshi initially got introduced to the glove sport, this run would have been unimaginable as her father would barely earn just enough to provide for the family. Moreover, some of her family members did not wish to see her take up the combat sport. But she found solid support from coach Vijay Sharma.

Boxer Meenakshi Hooda | WORLD BOXING

Later (wee hours on Sunday), Pooja Rani (80kg | semis), Jaismine Lamboria (57kg | final) and Nupur Sheoran (+80kg | final) were scheduled to be in action.

Nihal suffers loss in Round 9

AGENCIES @ Samarkand (Uzbekistan)

INDIAN Grandmaster Nihal Sarin's hopes of making to the Candidates tournament suffered a setback as he lost to Alireza Firouzja of France in Round 9 of the FIDE Grand Swiss here.

Nihal remained on six points and will now need to win his last two games to compete for a top-two finish. Meanwhile, D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa ended up with draws.

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SILVER JUBILEE YEAR OF CHHATTISGARH

A Game-Changer for Job Creation and Economic Development

I invite all entrepreneurs to invest in Chhattisgarh. The state ofiiers world-class infirastructure and a supportive ecosystem fior growth and innovation. Together, we will ensure Chhattisgarh plays a defiining role in building a Viksit Bharat. Guided by the leadership ofi Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the state is making rapid progress through inclusive development and strengthened security initiatives.

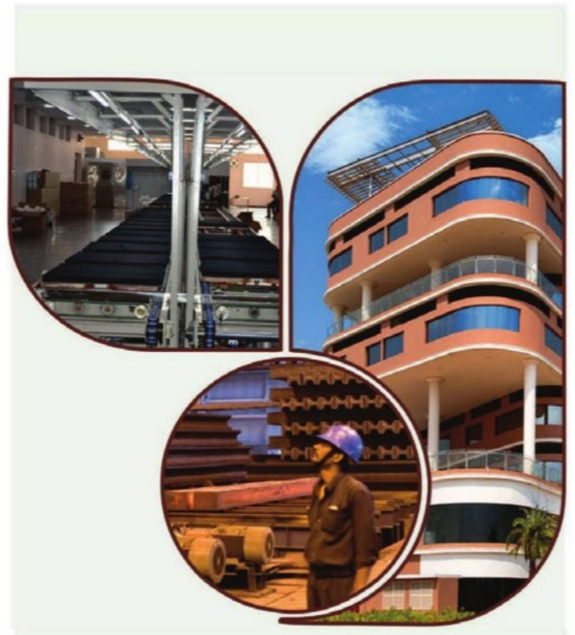
-Shri Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

KEY FEATURES OF THE NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY

The policy Includes a range of provisions aimed at achieving the objectives of Industrial growth, employment generation, and socio-economic development.

As part of the new Industrial policy, a provision has been made for a training stipend reimbursement of Rs 15,000 per person. This Incentive Is designed to encourage Industries to convert skilled Individuals from Chhattisgarh into formal employment.

By offering this financial support, the policy alms to enhance the employability of the state's youth, ensuring they are better equipped to meet the demands of the Industrial sector and contribute to the state's economic growth. The government aims to create 5 lakh new formal Jobs over the next five years through this policy.



Chhattisgarh's new industrial policy, effective from November 1, 2024, and set to remain in force until March 31, 2030, is a strategic step aimed at accelerating the state's industrial development. Since the state's formation, various industrial policies have been conceptualized and implemented to promote growth, with the latest policy marking the sixth iteration since 2001. These policies have continuously evolved to meet the changing needs and goals of industrial growth in Chhattisgarh.

The new policy introduces several incentives to promote industrial investments in the state. These incentives include interest subsidies, state capital investment subsidies (including infrastructure subsidies), stamp duty exemptions, electricity duty exemptions, entry tax exemptions, value-added tax (VAT) reimbursement, mandi fee exemptions, and project cost subsidies, among others. The policy is designed to not only boost industrial development but also to align with the national vision for a developed India by 2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai stated, The policy was developed with a focus on employment generation and the goal of creating a developed Chhattisgarh in line with the vision for a developed India by 2047. The state's strategic central location, combined with modern transportation infrastructure and active participation from stakeholders, will help transform Chhattisgarh into a 'Health Hub' in the coming years. Besides, the state is set to begin the construction of an industrial zone on 118 acres of land near Jagdalpur. Government is keen to attract more industries to the state. For the first time, the policy encourages investments in tourism and healthcare. The state government has recently granted the status of "industry" to the tourism sector, recognizing its significant potential for growth. This focus on emerging sectors is part of the state's effort to position itself as a key player in the future economy. One of the policy's standout features is the support for service industries, a growing sector in India. For the first time, the policy offers specific incentives for MSME service enterprises and large-scale service enterprises. This includes areas such as engineering services, research and development, healthcare, tourism, and entertainment.

SPECIAL PACKAGE PROVISIONS FOR SECTORS

- Pharmaceuticals
- Textiles
- Agricultural and food processing
- Non-timber forest product processing
- Compressed bio-gas
- Electrical and electronics
- Artificial intelligence (AI) Robotics and computing (GPU)
  IT/ITES/data centers

A Special Focus on Marginalized Groups

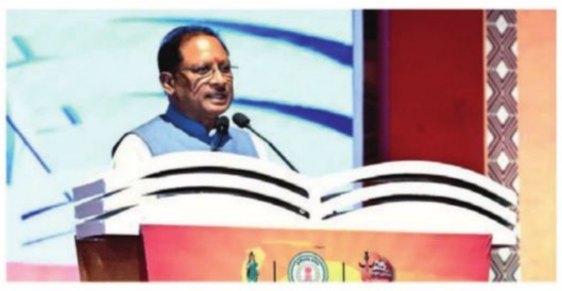
Chhattisgarh is likely the first state in India to offer special incentives for young Agniveers and Naxal-affected families to start their own businesses. In addition, the policy provides special support for SC/ST youth entrepreneurs. A unique provision is the provision of land in industrial areas at a nominal rate of Rs one per acre for these groups. The policy also offers enhanced incentives to residents of the state, with a particular emphasis on marginalized communities, including Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), women entrepreneurs, retired Agniveers, and ex-servicemen (including those from paramilitary forces). The policy also provides special incentives for Naxal-affected individuals, weaker sections, and third-gender entrepreneurs, ensuring that these groups receive targeted support for economic upliftment and entrepreneurship. The policy ensures minimal government intervention in the establishment and operation of industries. To reduce bureaucratic hurdles, the state aims to promote self-certification and online procedures for industry-related processes, eliminating the need for businesses to interact directly with government offices unless necessary. Chhattisgarh has also revised the definition of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in line with the central government's definition to make incentives more competitive compared to other states.

MANUFACTURING GETS TOP PRIORITY IN 'ANJOR VISION' DOCUMENT

The Chief Minister informed the gathering that a comprehensive development roadmap titled "Anjor Vision" has been prepared to align with the national goal of Viksit Bharat @2047.

This document outlines a phased development strategy with manufacturing identified as the core focus area specially steel and power, the backbone industries of Chhattisgarh.

All Infrastructure Prepared to Meet the Vision Targets



He assured that all infrastructural preparations necessary to meet these targets have been completed. The railway infrastructure in the state has been significantly enhanced, and rapid construction is underway to further strengthen the network. This includes ongoing projects worth ₹47,000 crore. New routes, such as the Raoghat to Jagdalpur railway line and the Kirandul to Kothagudem line in Telangana (138 km of which will pass through Bastar), are being developed. Additionally, a new railway corridor from Kharsia in Raigarh to Parmalkasa in Rajnandgaon will streamline the supply of raw materials and distribution of finished goods, significantly reducing production costs.

Receiving Investment proposals by 11 Major Companies

- M/s Sarda Hydropower, Raipur
- M/s Artificial Electronics Intelligence Materials Ltd, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu
- M/s KJSL Coal & Power Pvt Ltd, Korba
- M/s Jupiter International Ltd, Kolkata
- M/s ESDS Software Solutions Pvt Ltd, Nashik, Maharashtra
- M/s Karmveer Electronics Ltd, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
- M/s SG Green Buildings Pvt Ltd, New Delhi
- M/s Jindal Steel Chhattisgarh Ltd, Raigarh
- M/s Jindal Power Ltd (Thermal Power)
- M/s Jindal Power Ltd (Solar Power)
- M/s VTech Plastic Pvt Ltd.

₹1,23,073 crore in total investment proposals

One-Click Single Window System 2.0

Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai launched the One-Click Single Window System 2.0, which will drastically reduce approval times and help position Chhattisgarh among the top states in ease of doing business. Single Window System 2.0 has been developed. This system integrates online applications, departmental approvals, and subsidy distribution. Our streamlined, transparent mechanism ensures that all approvals for industrial establishment are granted with a single click.

BASTAR & SURGUJA: A NEW CHAPTER OF DEVELOPMENT

Speaking on inclusive development, Chief Minister Shri Sai said that Bastar, once known for Naxal violence, is now realising the dream of a "Developed Bastar." Nearly 90,000 youth have undergone skill development training, while over 40,000 have been provided employment. Special investment incentives are also being extended in the region. The globally unique Bastar Dussehra is being registered for international recognition. Tourist attractions such as the Tirathgarh Glass Bridge and the Bastar Tourism Circuit are under active development. Furthermore, royalty reimbursements and subsidies have been introduced to support tribal entrepreneurs.

OVER 350 POLICY REFORMS FOR EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Highlighting the pro-industry stance of his government, CM Sai said the new Industrial Policy includes a single-window clearance system and over 350 policy reforms aimed at improving the ease of doing business. These reforms will directly benefit investors in the steel sector. He also stated that industries adopting green energy will be eligible for special grants. He appreciated the adoption of advanced technologies like hydrogen-based steel production in Chhattisgarh. The Chief Minister shared that the recently held Energy Summit saw investment proposals worth approximately ₹3.5 lakh crore, including ₹57,000 crore earmarked for hydropower projects. The state is also making rapid strides in solar energy generation under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. industrial corridors are being developed at a rapid pace, and new industrial parks are being established. The government is offering special grants to private players to set up these parks. He urged all entrepreneurs present to invest in Chhattisgarh and set up their units.

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